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B. S. HILBUN APPOINTED STATE ENLISTMENT PASTOR



REV. BRUCE S. HILBUN

We are happy to announce the appointment of Brother Bruce S. Hilbun, Soso, to the position of State Enlistment Pastor.

“Dear Fellow Worker:

“I am sure that I speak the sentiment of Mississippi Baptists when I say we are deeply grateful to Mr. R. G. LeTourneau for his generous gift of \$2,500 for the promotion of ‘Rural Evangelism and Enlistment’ in our State. It was a most gracious gesture on his part, and simply evidences his deep and abiding interest in the Master’s work. Surely he has come to the Kingdom for such a time as this.

“I am grateful beyond measure for the appointment to this field of enlistment possibilities. Evangelism lies at the very heart of the Baptist program, and must always receive the major emphasis. But the highest type of evangelism is that which definitely relates itself to Stewardship and Enlistment. Such a program is the need of all the churches of the State, particularly of the rural sections—and these churches were never more eager for such a program.

“Since March 5th, when I began this work, we have had the joy of seeing fifty-seven people present themselves for church membership, forty-eight by baptism. These have come during two meetings of two weeks each, and in the two smallest churches of the Jones County Association. During this same time I have had the privilege of visiting four other churches of the Association for special services. Three of these churches adopted the Lord’s Acre and Storehouse Plan, and one the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

“We enter this work with high hopes and joyful enthusiasm. Our desire is to be of the greatest possible service to the largest possible number of churches. Our goal is ‘EVERY CHURCH ALL OUT FOR CHRIST.’

“If I can serve you in the presentation and promotion of any phase of the work, please call upon me.

“B. S. HILBUN,
“State Enlistment Pastor.”

The above statement is in line with that appointment. We believe Mississippi Baptist pastors and churches will find Brother Hilbun capable, conscientious, energetic, tactful and sympathetic. We wish for him every success in this field. He will work all over the State promoting rural evangelism, rural enlistment, stewardship of substance—tithes and offerings, God’s Acre, and God’s Storehouse.

Again we thank Mr. LeTourneau for his financial support in this work.

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Baptist Papers and Civic Responsibility: “We Have Met the Enemy”

(Address delivered by Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association in New Orleans, Feb. 3-4, 1943.



DR. J. D. GREY

“The pallbearers that bore ancient Greece and Rome to their graves knock today at America’s door,” is the statement of a very wise man in epitomizing our day. To whom shall we look to hold a high standard and lead us out of the morass of liquor, gambling and immorality? To our educational system, splendid though it is? To ask these questions is to answer them. A few notable exceptions may be cited, but, in the main, our educational system will not lead us out. To our governmental capitals for a high standard? Will the city hall of the average city, the state capitol of the average state, or even our national capitol lift a high moral standard for our day?

Then, today, dare we look to those “persistent programs of propaganda,” that “terrific triumvirate,” the press, the radio, and the cinema? These have become so almost universally subsidized by the liquor business that it seems that we cannot look to them to hold up the moral standard. Let us not speak a wholesale condemnation of them, but let us admit that we can’t look to them in this day.

Remember the oft-quoted words of Olver Goldsmith in his “Deserted Village”: “Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates and men decay.” In this dark age, one lighthouse remains, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. All the agencies of this force are to join in holding a high moral standard. Not least among these institutions is our own Southern Baptist press.

The owner and publisher of one of our great New Orleans dailies, speaking on the part the press is playing in the war effort, said the government leaned heavily upon the press for the announcement of selective service registration, food rationing, for gasoline rationing, for the sale of war bonds, and many other things. All of these things were accomplished through announcements in the paper rather than a personal letter to those concerned. In the same way, we are dependent upon our Baptist press not only to give to the people news of our activities, but to give to them inspiration and information concerning the morals of our day. We are also dependent upon our Baptist press in the fight against liquor, gambling, and all allied evils. Our press will not fail in this crisis, and our people will not fail their papers. This gives us all the more reason why the state paper should be in the budget of every church. Let us pastors give to

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A GREAT MISSION FIELD AND A FINE MISSIONARY

Riverside Baptist Association covers three Delta counties, Coahoma, Quitman and Tunica. The area is 1440 square miles. The population is 24,000

whites and 74,636 Negroes. In this large area there are only sixteen Baptist churches with a membership of 3,735. Fourteen churches are in town and two are rural, with fourth-time preaching. Less than 50% of the white population above the age of ten is Christian. Far



REV. M. C. WALDRUP

back in the out-of-the-way spaces families of land owners and a great many more share-croppers have been living with little more opportunity to hear the Gospel than people in foreign lands to whom we send foreign missionaries.

Encouraged by the W. M. U. of the Association under the leadership of Mrs. N. E. Offenheiser of Clarksdale, the Association called M. C. Waldrup

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BR

IN PRISON, AND YE VISITED—

I am still enjoying living in the land of freedom and plenty! This time last year I was still a prisoner of the Japanese army, without hope of being liberated for the duration of the war. The prayers of God’s people were back of the miracle of our release and safe return from China to the homeland. I marvel more than ever at His wonderful love, His matchless grace and my unworthiness. I’m thinking now of some of the loyal Chinese Christians and friends who stood by me as best they could, even at the risk of their lives, while supplying my needs for food. I can never forget such men as Brother Bee Chuen Chi, that staunch preacher and servant of God who rode his bicycle forty miles each way over rough, dusty roads three trips before the Japanese soldiers would permit him to see me.

There was a gentle knock on the door of my upstairs prison room. I said, “Chin lai” (please come in). The door slowly opened and I saw the broad smile on the dusty face of Brother Bee as he came toward me. He held out his hand as he said, “Tsan mei Chu” (praise the Lord). We both shed tears of joy, we were so glad to see each other. After assuring ourselves that the guard was not within listening distance we began to talk seriously. Brother Bee was wearing farmer clothes made of coarse cotton homespun cloth with shoes to match. He had a “modern” style hair-cut—head shaved. We talked about the churches in his section of our field. He had been associational evangelist and knew all the churches and how they were getting along since December seventh; or since my imprisonment, and since all mission funds had been cut off. It pleased me to know that in every instance the churches were carrying on. Not only so, but making plans to “lengthen their cords and strengthen their stakes.” “How are they able to do this?” I asked. He answered, “Sacrifice.” When we had finished our prayer together and he was

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CIRCULATION THIS WEEK

31,790

HELP US GET THE 210 AND REACH THE 32,000 MARK!

Sparks and Splinters

Among the recent visitors to The Baptist Record office were: O. C. Chance, Harrisville; D. I. Young, Eden; Paul Boothe, Port Gibson; H. B. Hudson, Port Gibson; C. S. Thomas, Jackson; Elizabeth McElroy, Baldwin; Charley Sandifer and Percy Renick, Clinton.

First church, Greenville: We had twelve additions yesterday, nine for baptism. Two of these were fathers, one brought his 13-year-old son with him.—C. S. Henderson.

Our pastor did the preaching in the Crusade revival at Tillatobia in Yalobusha county. There was one addition. We regret to lose our pastor, who has resigned to accept the work at Flora.—Reporter.

Mt. Nebo: C. E. Snowden, pastor, reports a large crowd at their Easter service. Attendance is increasing and the church has voted to have morning and evening services. The pastor says the people are appreciating The Baptist Record. This is an EVERY FAMILY church.

Newton: Had good day yesterday, 235 in Sunday school, program of Easter music in morning, two baptized at night. Yesterday closed six years for me here. We have had 527 ask for membership, 156 baptized. I do not know the total of offerings, but we have accumulated \$10,400 in a building fund. We have over 50 men in the armed service, and many men and women away in war work. But in spite of this, attendance holds up well. I am feeling well, and carrying all my work now.—R. A. Morris.

Last Sunday marked the first anniversary of the pastorate of J. E. Barnes of West Point. There have been additions each Sunday except five. During the past year 160 have joined the church, 43 of them for baptism. The finances of the church have broken all records. Total contributions were \$20,011.07. This is \$6,789.74 more than the church has ever received in a previous year. This increase in gifts can largely be explained by the more than 150 members who have agreed to follow God's plan of bringing a tenth of their income into His treasury.

The budget offering at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church in Meridian last Sunday was \$402.03. Pastor W. Lowrey Compere is in a meeting at Bay Springs.

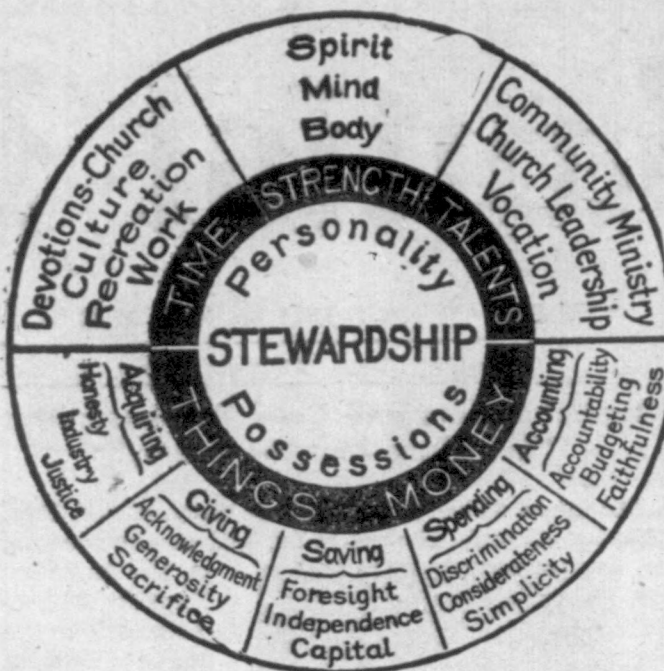
L. G. Gates, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Laurel, is leading in the city-wide revival at West Point. The meeting will continue through May 7.

Blue Mountain, Mississippi—The students of Blue Mountain College have just elected their student government officers for next session. They are as follows: President, Monte McMahon, Batesville, Mississippi; vice-president, Sally Diaz, Tampa, Florida; secretary, Willie Mae Pugh, Memphis, Tenn.; treasurer, Jane Wood, Selmer, Tenn.; prosecuting attorney, Nella Dean Mitchell, Louisville, Miss.; local representative, Annette Cook, Blue Mountain, Miss.; faculty representative, Dr. E. H. Cox.

In their paper of March 26, Pastor W. Douglas Hudgins of First church, Houston, Texas, asks, "Where did the Executive Committee, according to anything but a very strained interpretation of the Constitution of the body, get the power to defer or cancel the Convention? Since it is a democratic body can it be cancelled except by itself?"—Western Recorder.

McLain church: On April 4 we voted to increase our pastor's salary. We recently adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.—Reporter.

The Newton County Baptist Association had the privilege of having R. G. LeTourneau as its guest speaker at the April meeting. Preceding the event, which was held in the gymnasium of the junior college at Decatur, a fellowship banquet was given at which 90 laymen heard the distinguished visitor. The public meeting was well attended by people from all over this section. Mr. LeTourneau's message was timely and indeed a challenge to all who heard it. The Baptist and Methodist churches of Decatur joined in sponsoring the service. Other churches and associations would do well to have him speak and hear his burning witness for his Lord.—C. B. Hamlett, III, moderator.



Fullerton, Calif.—Ministers here are working with doctors, lawyers, teachers, businessmen and women, and workers on a special "Victory Shift"—of four hours—7 to 11 p. m.—which a local canning plant has inaugurated as a means of speeding up its program and keeping food from spoiling. The plan is working out well, it is said, and is expected to be continued for some weeks, when the emergency will be over. Those participating work as many nights a week as they possibly can.

Augusta, Me.—Maine legislators approved for further consideration a bill which would legalize the game of "beano" and would restrict its operation to fair associations and charitable, patriotic, religious, fraternal, educational, and veterans' organizations upon payment of a \$2 fee for each six-day license. (And still we pray God to help us in our war effort.—Editor.)

The success of the Mother's Day offering for the Orphanage on Sunday, May 9th, will depend largely upon the leadership of the pastors, Sunday school superintendents, presidents of the Missionary Societies, B. T. U. directors and presidents, Brotherhood chairmen and orphanage representatives. We know every Baptist will respond by making an offering to this worthy cause when the opportunity is given. Do not fail to do your part.

The Sunday school report of the Midway church in Leake county for April 11 showed all officers and teachers present. Of the 70 enrolled in the school there were only eight absent, and 61 reported prepared lessons for the day. This is a standard Sunday school.—Reporter.

Washington—Chief of Chaplains William R. Arnold has announced that arrangements have been made with the Catholic Biblical Association of America and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to eliminate from copies of the Roman Catholic revised edition of the New Testament distributed to the Catholic personnel of the U. S. Army a footnote might be misinterpreted by those not familiar with the history and background of New Testament times.

Nashville, Tenn.—The value of church property of the Southern Baptist Convention reached a peak of \$240,131,184 in 1942, it was announced in a statistical report released at headquarters here. This valuation was an increase of \$7,186,869 over the previous year. Ordained ministers total 21,986 and church members 5,367,129. There are 25,737 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, and 24,725 Sunday schools are in operation. The report stated that the nationwide membership of the Baptist church is now 11,593,376, which includes 4,122,332 Negro Baptists and 15 smaller Baptist groups with a membership of 560,000.

The members at Good Hope church, Lena, are rejoicing that they have gone from quarter time to half time. This news came with some additions to their EVERY FAMILY list, sent in by Rev. Homer McDonald.

In May, every Baptist church, S. S., B. T. U., W. M. S., pray for B. M. C. endowment offering in June.

Hartford, Conn.—Dr. Russell J. Clinchy of Center church will leave shortly by clipper for England for a two-months' tour of devastated areas to study relief needs of churches and problems of post-war reconstruction.

Arthur Thomas Talbert, the son of Rev. A. W. Talbert, was licensed to preach by the Davis Memorial Baptist Church on April 11. Bro. Talbert is a senior at Central high school, Jackson. He expects to enter Mississippi College around June 1. We commend this young man to the brotherhood. He is a talented musician and well trained in various departments of church activity.

Mrs. J. T. Jones of Canaan church, Benton county, writes in appreciation of the services of Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes. He was with them in their Crusade revival. There was one profession of faith.

Just a word about our Crusade in Winston, and especially at Noxapater. We had one of the greatest revivals here that I have ever witnessed. Brother Pearson, from Macon, did the preaching, and he went right into the hearts of the people, and took Jesus in with him. We had around seventy-five professions of faith at the high school. There were very few left in the school that did not make a clear-cut profession of faith in Christ. The Crusade was a decided success in Winston Association. All of the twenty-two churches had their meetings, twenty of them during the same week. We were on the mountain top all week.—C. C. Weaver.

Changing his title from State Evangelist to Enlistment Pastor did not affect E. D. Estes at all. As before, he continues to get a good list of Baptist, Record subscribers wherever he holds a meeting. Sometimes the church already has the EVERY FAMILY Plan and this prevents him from getting subscriptions. The latest list is from Canaan church, Benton county, and among the subscriptions sent was the colored cook of one of the members.

For its annual commencement program "The School of Sacred Music" of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas, will present "Ruth," a sacred music drama, the libretto arranged by Professor Edwin McNeely, the music written by Dr. I. E. Reynolds, on the evening of Tuesday, May 4, 1943, at eight o'clock, George E. Cowden Hall.—I. E. Reynolds.

Blue Mountain—May Day will be celebrated by Blue Mountain College this year on Saturday. All the exercises are under the general supervision of Miss Mary Martha Leavell of Nashville, Tennessee. Miss Mary Jo Clark of Brookhaven will be queen of the May, and her maid of honor will be Miss Martha Hicks of Sledge, Mississippi. A Robin Hood motif will pervade the ceremonies.

"The Final Outcome of Hitler's Mad Dream," by H. A. Wood, of Louise, Miss., and published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., is an attempt upon the part of the author to prove and foretell the outcome of the present war. Chapter headings are: Today's World, The Call of the Hour—An All-Out Movement for God, Looking to Him Who Doeth Wonders, The Augury of Tomorrow, The Wonderful Forecast of the Christian Poet, The Tragedy of Unheeded Prophecy, Prophecy Foretold With Mathematical Accuracy, Bible Forecasts Pointing Hitler's Defeat, Right the Day Must Win and Results of This World War. The price is \$1.00 from the author.

Washington, D. C.: Preference may be given to churches and schools under new fuel oil delivery regulations soon to be announced by the petroleum administration for war it was indicated here by Petroleum Administrator Harold A. Ickes. The new preference for deliveries in thirty rationed states, Mr. Ickes told a press conference, may give churches a higher rating than liquor taverns, movie theaters and other places of amusement. Churches and schools—now operating on a ration about 45 percent of normal—will probably continue to receive the same amount of fuel oil, but churches will get their supplies first, Mr. Ickes hinted.

Jackson, Miss.—Members of the state accrediting commission decided at a recent meeting that courses in Bible instruction will now be accepted for credit toward graduation from Mississippi high schools. The decision was made at a meeting preliminary to the annual convention proper of the Mississippi Education Association.

NEWS and VIEWS

By D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer,
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Evangelism — State, Home, and Foreign Missions — Cooperative Program — Now Club (State Debts) — 100,000 Club (S.B.C. Debts) — Baptist Record — B. T. U. — Sunday School — W. M. U. — Brotherhood — B. S. U. — Retirement Plan — Seminaries — Christian Education — Hospitals — Orphanage — Pastoral Aid — Church Building Aid — Chinese Work — Negro Work — Indian Work — Literature — Enlistment Pastors — Service Men's Department — Historical Society — Wills and Bequests Activities — W. M. U. Training School — Bookkeeping.

"Dr. D. A. McCall
"Jackson,
"Mississippi
"Dear Friend:

"Our meeting of last Saturday gave me an abundance of much needed strength and encouragement. You are so fair and so understanding it is just a pleasure to work with you, and too, I admire your courage to be firm when you need to be for the best interest of our work.

"I am working twice as hard as I ever did in the pastorate but the field is so challenging that I simply can't 'let up.' I have no doubt that God called me to this field. The little poem that goes, 'World need! World need!' keeps ringing in my ear. But somehow I want to localize it and say, 'NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI NEED!' Oh, if the people of Mississippi only knew what I know, State Mission offerings would double.

"I stand amazed in the presence of God at what is happening in Itawamba county alone. Two more invitations have come to hold meetings there and two more have sent in mission money. I could spend a year of my time in that county alone.

"I'm not forgetting to pray for you with the burden of the whole State upon you.

"Working for Him,

"JAS. B. RAY."

We have been impressed with the spirit and effort of Enlistment Pastor Jas. B. Ray, from the start. He was elected one week; rented a home the next; two weeks later had moved the length of the State to his new field, and at once, started covering his district. That spirit wins!

We appreciate these words from him.

II

Learning Christ

"Teach me, my Lord, to be sweet and gentle in all the events of my life; in disappointments, in the thoughtlessness of others, in the insincerity of those I trusted, in the unfaithfulness of those on whom I relied.

"Let me put myself aside, to think of the happiness of others, to hide my little pains and heart-aches, so that I may be the only one to suffer from them.

"Teach me to profit by the suffering that comes across my path.

"Let me so use it that it may mellow me, nor harden nor embitter me; that it may make me patient, not irritable, that it may make me broad in my forgiveness, not narrow, haughty and overbearing.

"May no one be less good for having come within my influence. No one less pure, less true, less kind, less noble for having been a fellow-traveler in our journey toward Eternal life.

"As I go my rounds from one distraction to another, let me whisper, from time to time a word of love to Thee. May my life be lived in the supernatural, full of power for good, and strong in its purpose of sanctity."

III

In the Seminary days we recall some talk of a "shorter Bible."

Some ecclesiastics had decided they could improve upon the work and word of God. They were going to leave out of that Bible all the "useless" passages. They were going to include only "essential" passages. What impudence! What blasphemy!

The testimony of the Word to itself is II Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

"That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

This says, "All Scripture is profitable," whereas, the "heretic" selects only the passages pleasing unto

himself.

The testimony of the Word of God is (Rev. 22:18-19): "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.

"And if any man shall take away from the word of the Book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

However, these heretics "add" and "take away" at will.

We have a little clique of Baptists in the State like that. They say "the Old Testament is no good." Jesus constantly quoted from it. It was "good" to Him! Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, and other passages tell about Him. God's Spirit said "All Scripture is profitable." These "heretics" outdo the modernists in tearing apart and casting away the Scriptures.

Sometime ago we heard one saying as he "took a shot" at some who believed the WHOLE Book to be the word of God—he said, "He died for our sins is the whole Gospel." God Almighty does not say that! The Word of God says, "Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

"By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

"And that He was buried, and that He arose again the third day according to the Scriptures;

"And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

"After that He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once: of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

"After that He was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

"And at last of all, He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

"For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

"But by the grace of God, I am what I am: and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

"Therefore, whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

"Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?" I Cor. 15:1-12.

God's Spirit here says, the death of Jesus is "good news"; His burial and resurrection—"good news"! The gospel means and is "good news"!

Mississippi Baptists will have nothing less than the WHOLE Bible as the very word of God. They will preach one phrase from I Cor. 15, but they will not stop there—not Mississippi Baptists! They will preach and believe ALL I Cor. 15. They will preach John 3; they will preach and believe Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; and John 19.

In our Mississippi Baptist Bible there are 66 books, Genesis to Revelation, inclusive, and all in between!

How many books are there in your Bible? There are 66 in God's Word—39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament!

There are 1,189 chapters in God's Word—that is the Baptist Bible! How many chapters in your Bible?

Mississippi Baptists, you can take the WHOLE BIBLE and run all the disturbing Bible "cutters,"

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The Collins Baptist Church bulletin carries the news that the deacons recommended \$150 additional to the Now Club this year, and they expect to send in a total of not less than \$500 for the year. Congratulations to Pastor Mack Jones, his deacons, and the entire church.

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In May, every Baptist church, S. S., B. T. U., W. M. S., pray for B. M. C. endowment offering in June.

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WANTED: The names of widows of Baptist ministers in this state who are not receiving The Baptist Record. Send name and address to The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss.

all the Tobiahs, and Sanballets (see Nehemiah) into the sea of oblivion like the Israelites ran the Pharaohites into the Red Sea in the long ago.

Old Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?"

These worse than modernists who cut to pieces the Bible say in effect: "Who is the Lord that WE should take ALL His Word?" They are phrase snatchers—you know what a kidnaper is! These are phrase snatchers. They steal a phrase here and a phrase there—taking it from its setting and throw the rest of His Word in the ash can!

Mind you, however, God Almighty will have the LAST WORD with them!

IV

A man fell onto some light wires and was being burned. Another nearby rushed to a phone and called the power house, but it was on another circuit. He then called a sub-station and was told to "pull switch." He replied, "I do not know how and the electrician is out."

The man died.

A greater tragedy is that men all about us are being burned up by sin. Most church members seem not to know what to say, or what to do. Ezekiel 3 and 33, John 3.

V

Rev. John B. Laney, New Zion Baptist Church in Choctaw, sends in a very interesting report with reference to their revival in cooperation with the Soul Winning Crusade.

Brother Laney also sends in a fine report of a good meeting at Beulah church. Rev. B. D. Hardin was the visiting preacher.

Many lost people were won to Christ during the three months of the Crusade, many rededications to service in His program were made and hundreds of lost people asked for prayer.

TODAY

The battles you won were thrilling,
Your courage drove out all dismay—
Those conquests are gone forever,
But what did you do today?

The efforts displayed were noble
Befriending the feeble and gray—
But yesterday's deeds are memories
So what did you do today?

Don't rest on your past won laurels
For life scampers up and away—
Your task is the challenged retort:
But what did you do today?

—Langenbach.

VI

Do you like to read prophecy? Then, you will surely enjoy reading "The Sure Word of Prophecy" by Bradbury, price \$1.75. It is a new volume just off the Fleming H. Revell Press. Each chapter is by a different author.

Some chapter titles are: The Sovereign Claims of God in Relation to Divine Prophecy; What it Has Cost the Church to Neglect the Bible's Prophetic Message; Prophecies of the New Testament; Is God Through with the Jews? etc.

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CONGRATULATIONS

From Dr. J. D. Franks, Foreign Mission Board member for Mississippi we have learned that Dr. E. C. Routh has been elected editor of The Commission, Foreign Board monthly magazine.

Congratulations to the Foreign Mission Board! We know of no one more fitted for the task than Dr. Routh. He is qualified in every way for the tremendous task of editing The Commission. He has the experience of years as editor in Texas and in Oklahoma. He has the knowledge and training gained from years of editorial duties. He has a missionary heart. He has wisdom that comes from a combination of all the above qualities. He has a personality that makes and keeps friends. And he has courage. Surely such a combination should enable him to keep The Commission on its present high plane.

Congratulations to Dr. Routh! It is an honor well-deserved and worthily-bestowed.

—BR—

CAN GOD BE BOUGHT?

To Obey is Better Than Sacrifice

London (By Cable)—"Penitence Processions" are being organized by Roman Catholic bishops in many parts of Italy to ask divine protection in the event of air raids, the Vatican radio reported in a broadcast to the Netherlands.

At Bergamo, a vow was made by Bishop Adriano Bernareggi on behalf of the population to build a church in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary if the city is spared aerial bombardment. Similar vows were made at Castano, Guigno, and Vincenza, the broadcast said.

In other words, they propose to bribe God.

When Italian aviators were bombing the helpless Ethiopians, we heard no word of protest from these bishops. When poison gas was let loose upon those defenseless people we heard of no offers to build churches.

When London was being bombed, churches (many of them Baptist) blasted, and even women and children massacred from the air we heard no protest against such cruelty, nor did we learn of any churches to be built provided London was spared.

It was all right for the democratic people of Spain to be bombed and their cities blasted. No word of censure nor promise of churches was printed.

Somehow we feel that God is not going to be bribed. We think that there are other ways to reach God than through such a promise.

And we further suggest that if a church is needed at Bergamo, it should be built. Though the dispatch quoted above does not so state, yet it seems to implicate that if Bergamo is bombed the people will not build a church and thus (in their thinking) penalize God for not shielding them from the bombers.

Saul tried the same stunt. It is recorded in the

fifteenth chapter of First Samuel. Saul tried to explain his failure to obey God's explicit command by saying that the sheep and oxen were to be used for a sacrifice to God.

And Samuel's reply was: "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

—BR—

OUR STATE MISSIONARIES DESERVE SUPPORT

Within the last few months we have had the privilege of talking with and seeing much of the work of our state missionaries and missionary pastors. Lately we have observed quite closely the work of our Enlistment Pastors. It is our opinion that no more effective work is being done anywhere than is being done by these faithful men of God. It is also our opinion that their work is less understood than any other phase of our work.

Many people think of their work as of little use, and some pastors have been known to "snub" these missionaries. But hot or cold, welcome or unwelcome, these faithful workers keep on the go.

Foreign missions and foreign missionaries have no better friend than the writer, but to us missions are missions whether the missionary be located in darkest Africa or on our Coon Creek in Mississippi.

Many of our churches that are now solidly behind the work fostered by Mississippi Baptists a few years ago were doing nothing but having preaching of a sort without any vision of our world-wide program. We know of churches that a few years ago had no budget, no vision, no program, "no nothing." But under the leadership of our missionaries they have adopted a program of work, the pastor and people have caught a new vision and the church is now one of the most progressive in its section of the country.

Our missionaries deserve our help, our influence, and our prayers.

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WE CONGRATULATE GOVERNOR DEWEY

Below we quote from the Religious News Service concerning a courageous act by Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York:

Albany, N. Y.—The Wilson bill, which would have authorized local governing bodies to issue yearly bingo permits to religious, social or fraternal organizations, was vetoed by Governor Dewey as "clearly unconstitutional."

The governor quoted Article 1, Section 9, of the State Constitution, which reads: "No lottery or the sale of lottery tickets, pool selling, book-making, or any other kind of gambling, except pari-mutuel betting on horse races as may be prescribed by the Legislature and from which the State shall derive a reasonable revenue for the support of government, shall hereafter be authorized or allowed by the state; and the Legislature shall pass appropriate laws to prevent offenses against any of the provisions of this section."

"I could sign the bill and leave it for the courts to strike it down," Governor Dewey said. "It would be shirking my duty, however, should I ignore the clear mandate of the Constitution and pass the responsibility to the courts."

Frankly, it took courage and lots of it for Governor Dewey to veto this vicious bill.

Our readers will recall that last fall Mayor La Guardia of New York City instructed the police department to prohibit bingo. Bingo is one form of gambling. It was largely promoted by Catholic churches and some fraternal and social organizations. They claimed that a part of the proceeds was given to charity and therefore they should be permitted to promote bingo.

The New York Legislature passed a law permit-

ting cities to issue yearly permits for this form of gambling. As the governor said, he could have signed the bill and let the courts declare it unconstitutional. But he had the courage to do the right thing.

We suggest the same course of action for many others in authority.

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OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

THE REST IS SILENCE

On March 19 the minister of the First Methodist church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, wrote a letter to the President of the United States which millions of American citizens will believe raised issues of profound importance. That letter read:

The President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I realize the heavy pressure under which you labor during the war days, but feel that the matter I am herewith presenting to you is of such a serious nature as to justify taking a little of your time.

The Christian people of this nation desire to support your every effort to win this war but you are probably not fully aware of some of the very serious questions existing in the minds of a majority of these people concerning the freedom of operation accorded to the beer industry. The religious press is full of articles of protest and there is scarcely a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Disciple of Christ or any other evangelical pulpit in the nation which has not again and again spoken in earnest protest.

In the recent rationing of foods, for instance, the beer people were not touched by the regulations, although they used several billion pounds of food products which could be used to relieve the severity of rationing. In many stores you can see on the same shelves bottles of beer unrationed and bottles of fruit juice rationed. Unfermented grape juice is rationed but fermented grape juice as wine is unrationed. Now, these fruit juices mean to millions of our people not only food but health. Beer represents to them the narcotic poison alcohol, wasted food products and misused labor in the midst of manpower shortage. Why, Mr. President, should health-giving fruit juices be rationed and poisonous narcotic alcoholic beer be unrationed? Mark you, sir, the fruit juice is often in the same kind of bottle and capped in the very same manner as beer. No explanation whatsoever has been offered to the people of this nation for this condition and may I assure you that millions are deeply stirred and that there is a constantly growing indignation.

Again in the midst of a tin shortage, the brewers are permitted to collect cans of a certain size out of which they make beer caps. The Christian people to whom I refer have the conviction that this tin could be used for the better objectives of war industry and the canning of foods for our military and civilian purposes. Neither can millions of Christian people in this nation understand why beer trucks are given gasoline and rubber priorities when all must surely admit that the beer business is a non-essential business.

Also, it is reported in the religious press that beer and other liquors are being conveyed at the risk of lives of our merchant marine and sailors to other countries and to our men in the service of this nation. It is reported in the religious press that precious space on our ships is used for these liquors when this space should be used for munitions and food for our army and navy. Mr. President, millions of people are disturbed over this situation. Christian parents do not want the lives of their sons set in jeopardy to convey alcoholic liquors across the seas.

Now, sir, most of the Christian people to whom I refer are agreed that you do not personally hold the same position that they hold on the question of total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages. But may I call your attention to the fact that these people are very sincere in their convictions, that they have taught their boys and girls in their church schools and from their pulpits that alcohol is a narcotic poison. They urge total abstinence from its use. They are therefore much disturbed when they hear that there is never a shortage of beer and that when the boys from their churches ask for soft drinks, they are often told, "We are out; have a beer." We do not want the boys we have entrusted to you from our Christian churches, Mr. President, to return drinkers. In these matters, the government is not dealing with mere opinion but with the firm convictions of millions of its citizens who believe that both from the standpoint of science and of religion their position is on the side of the facts.

We are for this country, without reserve. We do not object to any necessary rationing. Among us there are no spies and no saboteurs, and we think we are therefore entitled to hear from you on these questions.

When we listen to your voice over the radio, we feel that even though you do not share our convictions, nevertheless you have a strong faith in the God to

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whom we must all make our final report. I therefore hope that this grave situation which is causing so much concern among millions of Christian people, will be placed upon your heart and conscience.

Mr. President, we await your answer.

LEWIS N. STUCKEY.

Under date of March 23 Dr. Stuckey received the following reply to his letter to the President:

Dear Mr. Stuckey:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 19, which has been received in the treasury department by reference from the White House.

Please accept our thanks for this expression of your views.

G. E. FORBUSH.

Chief Secretary's Correspondence Division.
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Upon the receipt of this entirely unsatisfactory and almost contemptuous reply, Dr. Stuckey wrote again, this time to Mr. Forbush, protesting against the treatment accorded his first letter and asking that he be given some answer from official sources adequately dealing with the issues raised in his original letter to the President. He sought again to impress upon the authorities the size and responsible nature of the Christian constituency for which he was attempting to speak. To this second letter he received the following reply, dated March 30:

My dear Mr. Stuckey:

Thank you for the courtesy of your letter of March 27. Our reply to your earlier letter of March 19, which was referred to us by the White House, was of necessity brief, but that did not mean that we failed to read your letter carefully and to appreciate its sincerity and urgency.

Since you made reference to narcotic-alcohol questions, the White House referred your communication to the treasury which has jurisdiction over certain phases of the program to control distribution of narcotics and alcohol. We do not, of course, have supervision over the rationing of beer or wine, nor do we participate in the administration of the rubber and metal conservation programs. We are, therefore, taking the privilege of referring copies of your letters to the Office of Price Administration which, in general, is responsible for the rationing program. It may be, however, that you will prefer to write directly of this matter to that agency also.

We are glad to have had an opportunity to see your letters and appreciate the fine spirit in which you have written.

G. E. FORBUSH.

Chief Secretary's Correspondence Division.
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Two weeks have elapsed since Mr. Forbush wrote his second letter, during which Dr. Stuckey has heard nothing more either from the OPA or from any other agency of the government. He has raised questions of moment to millions of Americans. "The rest is silence."—Christian Century.

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Once again we call the attention of our readers to the fact that unsigned articles have absolutely no chance of being published in The Baptist Record. Today we have received what the writer says is a poem. There is no name signed to it and we have already kissed the poem goodbye. It is not necessary that a name be published with the article. But it is necessary that we know who wrote the article. This is a universal rule among all papers.

The Baptist Orphanage means a home where food, clothing and shelter are given. A home where valuable Christian training in every day living is given. Important lessons in thoroughness, punctuality, honesty, getting along with others, giving and taking, all these and other lessons are learned. More important than these, it is a place where Christ is magnified, life-long friendships are formed, friendships based on knowledge, understanding, companionship and love.

Pastor H. W. Froshour writes in glowing terms of the preaching done during the Crusade revival by E. L. Taylor and O. B. Swearingen at Southside and Bluff Springs churches in Neshoba county.

Janice church, Perry county, has voted to cooperate in the Ministers' Retirement Fund. William Potter is pastor.

"The Church of God in Christ," Inc., recently held its 35th annual convocation in Memphis, Tenn. Several thousand delegates were present for the three-week session.—The United States Baptist. Yet Southern Baptists could not hold a three-day session with a few thousand messengers.—Western Recorder.

Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

WHY THE GOSPEL OF JOHN?

"But these things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31). If any book in the entire Bible was written with a purpose in view, certainly the gospel of John was. From an intensive study of this book through the eyes of the above quoted verse, John reveals the Christ in vivid contrasting beauty to the sinful and decaying world around him. Not one word did Christ speak which was not motivated by this one purpose, that man might be saved. "But these things I say, that ye might be saved" (John 5:34). Then Christ's mission was that man might be saved.

Beginning with the first chapter, John the Baptist preaches the coming of the Christ, whom he baptizes, and we see the Holy Spirit descending upon Him as a dove. Leaving this scene the Lamb of God calls four to follow Him: Andrew, Simon Peter, Phillip and Nathanael. He calls them from filthiness unto cleanliness and upright living, from the miry, slimy bottom of the fishing boat, unto a solid rock foundation in Jesus Christ. All this is recorded only for the purpose that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing we might have life through His name. Turning pages and reading verses we find how Nicodemus, the rich, educated ruler of the Jews, a Pharisee by religion, came unto Jesus by night to learn the way of salvation, and was told "Ye must be born again." Then came the filthy, adulterous, sin-filled, sin-worn, sin-burdened, and sin-broken woman unto Him at the well where she freely received the Water of Life.

The Master Teacher does not accuse of sin; He saves from sin. He does not afflict; He heals. He does not poison; He purifies. Having looked at these first five chapters briefly, having laid a foundation for the study of the book of John, and having accepted John 20:31 in faith, we have the hope of salvation in Christ Jesus. Though after visiting various churches the fact weighs upon me that the pastor, evangelist and personal workers of our beloved country do not believe these verses. The Scripture has not come to be a part of their lives, it has not come to be their food, clothes, and weapons of offense and defense for the glory of God. Pastor friends, John the Baptist did not come preaching economics, history and the sciences, but the brief, simple message of Repentance. Christ came, likewise, with the message of "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." Then He left us with the charge to preach the gospel of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, not a gospel of what has been, not a gospel of finances, not a gospel of technical words, nor of generalities; but a gospel of simplicity, as the gospel with a future. True—the gospel has a history and a glorious one, but the Future is the point of emphasis. The Future is that which bears the charge to you and me, not the past. The first one to preach this gospel was not a coward, or weakling; but a man of courage and strength, neither did He call men into His work who are afraid to condemn sin, even though some of this kind fill the pulpits of some of our churches. We need, and the Lord needs preachers today who are not ashamed to preach the gospel in simple, plain language and purity. We need men who are called of God. We need men who know what salvation means to their own lives. We need men who can endure ridicule and persecution for the gospel's sake.

Fellow laborers, let us covenant together to follow the example of Jesus Christ that these two verses may be our motto in all we do and say. "But these things I say, that ye might be saved" (John 5:34). "But these things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name" (John 20:31).

CHARLEY SANDIFER, Clinton, Miss.

A FAITHFUL WORKMAN RESTS

In 1874 in Winston county, Miss., a baby son was born to Levi and Rebecca Wood. While still small, C. J. "Jeff" Wood moved with his family to Central Texas. Converted early in youth, while still a young man he entered the ministry. For four years he preached in Texas, finishing his ministry in Attala, Leake and Winston counties, serving for 30 years. His wife, Margaret Crissa Roberts, whom he married in 1904, was the daughter of John and Susan Roberts, Mississippians living in Texas. They had five children, four of whom are living: Emmett, Marshall and Kitty Ruth Wood, Memphis, and Dr. L. C. Wood, Baptist missionary in Santiago, Chile.

During his ministry, Bro. Wood baptized 300 people, performed 100 marriages and buried many people. On Nov. 1, 1942, he was laid to rest in the Rocky Point cemetery in Leake county, to await the First Resurrection.

Some outstanding things about the life and work of Bro. Wood: His faith was not abstract, but spiritually concrete, expressed in his attitude toward God, the Bible and practical living; his life was one of humble, faithful service; his honesty and integrity were genuine; his faith in the eternal was great; his heart was tender as a woman's, manifesting loyal devotion to his beloved family and friends, and he found joy and goodness in life.

"He has fought the good fight, he has finished the course, he has kept the faith." The Captain of his salvation has promoted him to a higher sphere.

One who served with him in the things of Christ.

—N. H. Roberts.

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TEN BEST BOOKS

I am naming the ten books in which I reveled more last year, although I liked them all:

Morgan on Luke.

Morgan on Acts.

Morgan on Jeremiah.

Morgan on Hosea.

William Carey.

Faith in the New Testament, by Dr. Conner.

Life of Charles G. Finney.

Can Religious Democracy Survive?, by G. S. Dobbins.

Epochs in the Life of John, by Dr. Robertson.

Epochs in the Life of Peter, by Dr. Robertson.

Some of these I have read several times but have greatly enjoyed them each time I have read them.

—W. R. Cooper, Tylertown, Miss.

Writing enthusiastically regarding his experiences as helper in the New Albany revival during the Crusade, Ray Dykes, pastor of the Forty-First Avenue church in Meridian, states: "This is one pastor who is certainly leaving no stone unturned to make his work count for most. . . . Bro. Pierce and his workers had made very thorough preparation for the revival. There were 65 additions and many rededications, some of which were for definite Christian service. . . . The Lord is using this pastor and his wife in a marvelous way, with all departments showing growth and efficiency. . . ."

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In May, every Baptist church, S. S., B. T. U., W. M. S., pray for B. M. C. endowment offering in June.

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Blue Mountain, Miss.: David E. Guyton, professor of history and social science at Blue Mountain College has just received a signal honor because of the excellence of his recent biography, "Mother Berry of Blue Mountain." He has been made an honorary member of the Eugene Field Society of St. Louis, "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to contemporary literature." There are less than fifty honorary members and they include such outstanding authors as E. Phillips Oppenheim, Edgar Lee Masters, Rupert Hughes, Joseph C. Lincoln, Baroness Rose Posse, Mlle. Eve Currie, Walter D. Scott, Alfred Moyes, Konrad Bercovici, Cyril Scott, Walter de la Mare, Mrs. Will Rogers, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, George Ade.

Oklahoma Baptist Hospital joins the "Debt-free in Forty-three" band. They recently burned the last of the papers representing indebtedness on their property.—Western Recorder.

Pastor O. C. Chance, Harrisville, is making plans for Vacation Bible schools in all his churches, and planning revivals in July and August. He conducted revivals in the Crusade, also.

CHRIST'S PASSION FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

The word of the Master, when the disciples would have protected Him from the distraction of children, are not all the evidences, by any means, of His deep compassion for youngsters that we have in the gospels. "Suffer the children and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven," indicates His great love and concern for them. Theologians explain that childlike faith is the prerequisite to acceptance in the Kingdom. And they are undoubtedly correct. But we see in the Lord's words also an indication of His heart's yearning for the welfare of the little, helpless ones. We see in His words the further suggestion: The attitude of a grownup in the Kingdom of Heaven must be one of compassion for the helpless, needy little fellows. So these familiar words offer not only a text for a philosophical discussion of what is necessary to enter the Kingdom. They offer also a challenge as to what is necessary to carry on and do the work of the Kingdom.

Examples might be multiplied almost indefinitely of the Master's solicitude and service to young persons. How many young people He championed! How many children He healed! Did He have in mind the children when He spoke of "one of the least of these"?

It is unnecessary to remind ourselves that it is impossible for one to accept Christ's gift of salvation without carrying it out in Christian living as it is to perform the function of breathing by inhaling and never exhaling. We must do His will. And His will is that the weak and the helpless, the little children, particularly, who are weak and helpless through no fault of their own, shall be cared for.

Did the loving Lord remember the children when He said, "Feed my lambs"?—The Word and Way.

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GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES TITHING

The provision of the United States income tax law that gifts made to religious institutions up to 15% of the taxable income are deductible from income for Federal income tax purposes affords an opportunity to pastors to greatly increase the number of tithers in their congregations. The fact is that persons in the lowest income tax bracket may become tithers at a cost to themselves of only 8% instead of 10%; persons with net incomes of \$6,000.00 may tithe at a cost of 7% instead of 10%; persons with a net income of \$10,000.00 may tithe at a cost of 6.2% instead of 10%; with net incomes of \$20,000.00 at cost of 4.5% instead of 10%, and with net incomes of \$50,000.00 at a cost of 2.8% instead of 10%.

The appeal for tithers, therefore, may not only be made based on the teachings of the Bible and of Christian duty, but there are also the practical aspects that the government itself encourages tithing by substantial decreases in the taxes it will require from those who bring 10% or more of their income into the Lord's treasury.

The total Baptist bonded indebtedness of \$284,000.00 could be paid in full this year by Baptists whose incomes are such that the actual cost to themselves would be only \$142,000.00. The remaining \$142,000.00 would be absorbed by a government generous in decreasing the taxes of those who give liberally.

The income tax payers generally do not understand the substantial tax savings they may effect through liberal giving to churches and church institutions. They may be taught if our pastors and Christian leaders will bring the facts directly to their attention.—O. B. Taylor, chairman, Baptist Bequest Committee.

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From Uruguay we hear of the opening of three new preaching places: In Villaguay, a city of fifteen thousand population; in Paysandu, with a population of forty-five thousand; and in Belen, a country town of three thousand. On April 25 a new church is to be organized in Salto. This will be housed, for the time being, in a rented hall which is conveniently located in the center of the city. Before long our missionaries are hoping to see a "worthy building erected in this great city."

FOCUSING FOR FULNESS

If some read the news in The Baptist Record first, it would be interesting to know why. The same applies if some readers turn first to the articles on sermons or doctrinal discussions in the paper.

The same applies if some turn to the departmental pages first.

The same applies if some turn to the editorials first. How the editor would straighten up if he knew that!

If some read the paper clear through or in spots, it would be fine to know it—and why they do it.

Thoroughly? Casually? Steadily? Intermittently? Not at all? Just what use do you make of The Baptist Record?

Does the paper help you: Much? Somewhat? Little? None?

The reader interest survey will give you an opportunity to say.

The survey will seek to ascertain the full measure in which the paper is fulfilling its ministry.

You may be personally approached. You may be approached otherwise. In whatever way, be sure to respond.

Watch for next week's issue.

OFFENSE VS. DEFENSE

At the outbreak of World War II the word defense became fixed in the minds of the people almost to the point of a mania. Nearly all public work was referred to as defense projects, defense jobs, etc. Most people thought (until Pearl Harbor) that if the nation's defenses were built up to a certain point we would be able to stay out of a second world war, and even if we should be drawn in that we could save ourselves by being adequately defended. When the French Army was retreating before the German Army it was stated by both radio and the press of this country that we shouldn't become too much alarmed as the French had always fought most brilliantly when on the defensive.

It is only recently that there has been an about face, and we have become offensive minded. We know that to win we must take the offensive and completely crush the foe's resistance.

I wonder if the "defense idea" hasn't been the predominating one in the minds of Christians in relation to our work. We hear that the church ought to protect (defend) against atheism, agnosticism, modernism, and other "isms." Not long ago there was an article in the Record in which the writer was bemoaning the fact that so many "isms" had come into his church that one would hardly recognize it as being a church and that only he and a few others were "left to defend the faith."

It is true that Paul speaks of "defense of the gospel," but at the time of this writing Paul was locked in a Roman jail and was to come up for trial for preaching the new religion. He was to be the defendant in a court trial and he speaks of it in that sense. But nowhere in Paul's writing, or any of the New Testament writings, does it teach defense as a church or Christian policy. On the other hand it does most emphatically and positively teach the "offensive" idea.

Christ said, "Upon this rock I'll build my church and the gates (defensive structures) of hell shall not prevail against it." The church is the attacker, the aggressor, on the offensive. If we are to be Christians it is because we made an "unconditional surrender" to Christ.

If Christ is our captain, our superior officer, then as good soldiers we are to obey His commands. His commands are not the commands of a defense minded commander but very definitely the opposite.

"On to Victory! On to victory!"

Cries the Great Commander, On!

We'll move at His command,

We'll soon possess the land,

Through loyalty, loyalty,

Yes, loyalty to Christ."

Marvin E. Taylor,

Hamilton, Mississippi, Center Hill Church.

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley

Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service

COLUMBUS—The First Baptist Church, according to a report from Miss Mildred Dodd, camp service director, sends church bulletins each week to the Columbus Army Flying School. These bulletins give schedule of services and a general invitation. Some carry special emphasis. During March, Springfield, Mo., Memphis, Tenn., and Grenada, Mississippi, requested information regarding the operation of the Recreational Hall.

"Publish and conceal not." Jer. 50:2. Recently four young Mexican boys now in the army visited a Baptist center on Saturday evening. Each asked for a New Testament. The hostess complied with their request, marked passages and instructed each how to use it. They stated these were their first Testaments.

At the same church the next evening during the Fellowship Hour after services, three young sailors were present. These lads were members of His Majesty's Royal Navy (Great Britain). The youngest, a mere boy, could not hide his tears, a victim of homesickness. The oldest sang several hymns. He was a Sunday school teacher in Wales before the war.

It is stated that no alcoholic beverages are sold or tolerated on the new Gulfport field.

Because a Pennsylvania soldier now in the combat zone in New Guinea read a religious tract on "The One Way, or There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," by our State Mission Secretary, he wrote us a "V" mail letter March 6 which was received in Jackson on March 30.

A young aviation mechanic in training at Keesler Field during the time Capt. Edgar Brooks, Southern Baptist, was post chaplain at Keesler Field, stated in a letter to Miss Pickering, hostess of the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, that he met Chaplain Brooks recently in the Garden of Gethsemane just outside of Jerusalem.

A newspaper headline reads, "New Bazooka Gun Plays Deadly Tune for Axis."

GULFPORT FIELD—On our last visit, we contacted the following chaplains on duty at this large base: Post Chaplain Frerking, Captain Unger, Station Hospital, Chaplains Knox, Ellison, Minton and Kozlowski. Chaplain Unger is Baptist and went with us to make the other visits. The post chaplain has recently been promoted to a captaincy. Also word has since been received that Chaplain Kozlowski wears captain bars.

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HOW LONG WILL YOU BE IN PURGATORY?

Purgatory is a source of fear to Catholics and a source of revenue to their church. No one can say how long each individual will have to suffer in purgatory; it may be millions of years. Father Louvet, however, in his book, "Purgatory According to the Revelations of the Saints," concludes after much calculation that a Christian of more than usual sanctity, who has never committed a mortal sin, who has carefully avoided all the graver venial sins, and has satisfied by penance for three-fourths of the lighter sins into which human frailty has led him, must expect to spend in purgatory thirteen years, three months, and fifteen days. "A truly terrifying result," says Father Louvet, "for if it is so with righteous souls what will become of poor sinners like me?"

Father Louvet did well to compute the purgatorial sentence of a virtual saint. That of a Catholic gangster like Vincent Coll, "Legs" Diamond, or "Dutch" Schutz would be apt to involve higher mathematics.—Converted Catholic Magazine.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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Perhaps many are eager to meet our newly-elected state W. M. U. officers and I am just as eager to present them to you. However, we have a few vacancies that are to be filled by our local committees within the next few days, so you may look forward to meeting our official family next week who will serve us this convention year.

Last year April 25th we had received \$14,386.59 for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. This year April 18th we had received \$17,717.00. This is more than the total offering for that cause in 1943. We thank every one who had a part in making this the greatest offering we have ever had for this season of prayer. If there are those who have not sent your offering to Dr. McCall, please do so immediately.

Our W. M. U. office is badly in need of a typewriter. As you know, a new one is not available so we are taking this opportunity of finding a good second hand machine that may be for sale.

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YES AND NO
J. E. Dillard

Yes, we have paid over \$300,000 on the old South-wide debt since the first of the year and if we can keep this pace we shall be debt-free in '43. The balance April 1 is approximately \$825,000. No, we cannot keep this pace unless we get more Hundred Thousand Club memberships or otherwise increase our receipts. Let's do it.

Yes, we have had more than 100,000 people who have helped through the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club; we have that number now. No, we have never had 100,000 memberships in the club actually paying \$1.00 each any one month. We could get them if we who read this article would do our best. Let's do it.

Yes, more than twenty churches have notified me of their decision to give to this debt-paying effort the money they had intended giving their pastors, or pastors and wives, for expenses to the Convention. No, I have not heard of a single church that has declined to do this when one of the members suggested it. Let's suggest it to our church.

DEBT-FREE IN '43—COUNT ON ME

Enlistment Pastor James B. Ray is still at it. Last week in a meeting at Paden church in Tishomingo county he took time to present the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Their pastor, W. C. Hamilton, placed his stamp of approval upon the plan. The result was the usual one—the church adopted it.

A note from Mrs. Will Hill at New Albany gives the sad news of the passing of her father, G. W. Deen, a senior deacon of Lowrey Memorial church in Blue Mountain. His wife and eleven children survive.

The children of the Orphanage are counting on you to do your best for them on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th. They love you and we know you love them. Put your love in action by making a free-will offering for them at this time.

A good evangelistic meeting was held at McCurtain's Creek church in Choctaw county, under the preaching of E. D. Estes, district enlistment pastor. The people were delighted with his messages. There were three additions by letter. The church subscribed for a new New Club certificate, and raised the first year's payment on it. This church was the first in the county to pay in full their first certificate. They also sent in a nice list of subscribers to The Baptist Record.—H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman.

Good Hope Baptist Church in Leake county has gone to half time, and called Charles Tyler of Itta Bena as pastor. He recently graduated at Mississippi College, and is now a student at Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans.—Reporter.

JESUS AND THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

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In His sermon on the mount, Jesus dealt with the sixth commandment ("Thou shalt not kill") from the viewpoint of the relation of one individual to another. He was not discussing the practice of this principle by men engaged in war. Nevertheless, His teachings and solemn warnings are relevant to Christians living in a world at war. For during war Christians are exposed to the drag of a national feeling of hatred, of anger, of ill-will, and of contempt for the nation's enemies as a group, a feeling which can so easily and potently influence their attitude toward enemy individuals. Jesus' warnings and positive teachings, therefore, respecting one's attitude toward other individuals (whether an alien or a fellow-countryman) are especially apropos today.

Not only are Christ's teachings timely now while we are at war, they will be even more relevant and important in order to win the peace. Not the wisdom in their heads alone but the humaneness in their hearts will qualify leaders among all peoples for the high office of establishing and maintaining peace among free and equal men. Each individual man will contribute, infinitesimally but none the less really, to this total world situation.

Jesus deals with murder by striking at its roots in the individual human heart and life. He therefore introduces his discourse with the formula, "Ye have heard . . . thou shalt not . . . ; but I say unto you . . ." and proceeds to declare anyone liable to judgment and "hell fire" who is guilty of anger or contempt for his brother-man. He thereupon deals with the human emotions and immediate circumstances which breed unhealthy attitudes and cause man to injure and even to kill another. He also frankly faces the problem of Christians and their enemies (personal). He sets forth the Christian principle of magnanimity, taking the Christian's conduct when wronged from the un-Christian plane of revenge (lex talionis) and placing it on the plane of positive good (the new commandment of love). The apostle Paul sums up the whole matter of man's relation to his fellowman in the principle of Christian love (Romans 13:8-10) and he applies this principle to a Christian living in an evil and often hostile world by the exhortation: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21). How well Paul had learned both the Christian gospel and the Christian ethic!

Now Jesus began His teaching about the sixth commandment by speaking of anger and contempt. Not only is there guilt and liability of punishment for one who kills another but also for "whosoever is angry with his brother." Likewise, one is guilty in his heart before God if he holds any fellowman in contempt shown outwardly by such contemptuous and derisive remarks as "Raca!" ("simpleton," "blockhead") and "Thou fool!" Indeed, judgment, the condemnation of the Jewish court, and even "hell fire" are at the end of the journey upon which one sets out when he gives himself to anger and contempt. Is not much of our modern sin against human life due to somebody's personal contempt for somebody else? Do not disregard for his welfare and then hostile acts against his person soon follow? Jesus was indeed getting at the roots of man's sin against his brother-man when he condemned anger and contempt.

Jesus also deals with occasions which breed ill-will and unhealthy attitudes in human hearts. He points out the religious necessity and practical advantage of straightening out one's differences with his brother-man. Here he deals with another source of man's sin against his fellowman—known differences and difficulties with others. If these

GREAT REVIVAL IN YAZOO CITY CHURCH

Joining in the evangelistic Crusade in the state, Yazoo City church has had the best meeting in years. Dr. D. Swan Haworth, pastor of Vicksburg First church, did the preaching and he did it in his very fine, clear, able way. He is a thorough student, a clear teacher and an inspirational preacher. The way had been prepared by a study course week and cottage prayer services leading up to the meeting. Splendid attendance at all services gave evidence of the interest. Fifty-two new members were added, 42 for baptism. Others are still coming. The Sunday school is breaking all previous records and the entire church progress is most encouraging. The Yazoo City church put in The Baptist Record the first of the year and beyond any doubt that has been a big factor in the achievements that are coming with such gratification.—Webb Brame.

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Rev. A. L. Goodrich, editor of The Baptist Record, did the preaching at Plantersville in the Lee county Crusade, April 4-9, and the church and community are enriched spiritually by this brief ministry. In the day services Bro. Goodrich preached from I John, a chapter a day for the five days. It was expository preaching at its best. Good crowds attended every service. Seven people united with the church, four of them for baptism. Bro. Goodrich demonstrated his ability along every line, facing platters of country ham three times a day without a tremor. More folks will read the Record after this visit.—F. V. McFatrige, pastor.

The financial statement for the first quarter of 1943 of the Allendale, S. C., Baptist Church, Rev. R. K. Corder, pastor, reveals these impressive totals: Current expenses, \$1,749.10; Sunday school, \$124.47; Building Fund, \$827.01; Missions, \$351.92; Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, \$6.00; special Home Missions, \$30.25; Hundred Thousand Club, \$8.85; Orphanage, W. M. S., \$6.25; total, \$3,103.85.

Secretary Austin Crouch reports that Executive Committee receipts for Southwide causes so far in 1943 total \$1,108,340.63. This exceeds the same months in 1942 by \$284,224.66. Total March contributions were \$16,604.30; \$7,143.24 was for Co-operative Program; \$4,771.63 was designated and \$4,689.43 was for the One Hundred Thousand Club.

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are allowed to go on and on, they will probably become worse and worse, engender ill-will, and in the end cause both parties to injure each other and possibly to kill. When, therefore, one recalls that another "has ought against" him, even though he is about to engage in worship, he should first go and be reconciled to his offended brother. Jesus is not advocating the interruption of public worship by our private affairs so much as he is emphasizing the importance for religion itself of keeping our relations with our fellowmen wholesome and helpful. Otherwise, our very religion might become unethical and the cloak of unrighteousness.

There is also a personal advantage in correcting difficulties. Jesus illustrates this truth by citing the case of a debtor who is about to be sued by his creditor. Far better to come to an understanding before they reach the judge than to be stubborn and hostile and so win for one's self the full penalty of a jail sentence and a judgment. This is not to mention the accumulation of ill-will and animosity which both men will store up against each other for the future, nor the injury and loss and possible death which may ultimately come out of this case. All of these hurtful and sinful consequences will be avoided by a friendly and timely agreement in the fragrant atmosphere of voluntary friendliness.

**BAPTIST PAPERS AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY:
"WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY"**
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our people through the columns of the Baptist press facts regarding these evils; they will not get them otherwise, for the public press is so completely subsidized by the liquor and gambling syndicates that they cannot know the truth concerning these matters.

Warfare against evil has been the red corpuscles in the blood-stream of Christianity, and when Christianity has either acquiesced in or compromised with evil, it has become anemic and insipid. It has then deteriorated into nothing but ritualism, form and creeds, instead of being virile, and dynamic. . . .

The forces of evil, corruption and vice are still in the world and must ever be opposed. Chief among these forces is that "terrible trio"—liquor, gambling and prostitution. From time immemorial these three have been intimately allied. These three are presenting a solid front against law and order, against honor and decency, and against every attempt that has been made or is being made to control or even to regulate them.

But we have faith in God to believe that the forces of righteousness will triumph. We do not believe that Christianity has lost its power and that every knee has bowed to Baal.

Noah made and drank liquor. Ham laughed—and his shameless and drunken father, Noah, cursed Ham and his descendants. Thus from the first record of liquor, we find it causing a father to damn his own child. It brings unhappiness, and divides a family.

Babylon, capital of the most powerful nation in the world, with walls 150 feet high, 85 feet across at the top and 60 miles long, was a city of culture, libraries, laws and medical science. Belshazzar, the king, gave a banquet for a thousand lords and nobles; they were drunken and the king was slain; the fifth column opened the city gates to the armies of the enemies.

Greece raised her head. Soon she had a young leader, Alexander the Great, a masterful scholar, a great athlete, and a genius as a general. Syria, Egypt, and India were conquered by this man. In 323 B. C., in the city of Babylon, this emperor of the world, died in a drunken condition. At 33 he had wept because there were no more worlds to conquer. Then he was conquered by alcohol. His drunken, greedy generals began to fight among themselves and brought an end to the mighty Grecian Empire.

Then came Rome. In 117 A. D., she was at her height; all the nations could not defeat her. Yet liquor and its associated evils did; Rome rotted down from the inside because of soft living, immoral women, and the liquor traffic. So Rome, the Eternal City, fell, not because of outside enemies, but by the ravaging works of liquor from within her boundaries.

Witness also the fall of France in June, 1940.

But the enemy which we face today is dressed in a new garb. He is the same old enemy, but he is now wearing a cloak of respectability. He tells you that he is a welcomed guest at nearly every social function, and that his friends are those who lead in social, political, business and professional worlds. He boasts of being legalized in the majority of the states. He even prates about frequent approval of religion upon his works. He tells us that not a few "men of the cloth" either personally drink or gamble, or approve and defend those who do, or at least remain very quiet about it. . . . He tells us that the amount of taxes he pays entitles him to a place of respectability in the family of business.

Our enemy is continually flaunting his aims and intentions to cleanse himself. In many of the states there is now a huge organization set up of the brewers, distillers, distributors, and manufacturers, taking the high sounding title of "Foundation." These employ a high-priced, suave, astute, propagandist to inform the public of the aims of the liquor business to purify itself.

Now, our enemy must be met with adequate means. Many of the old bombastic, barn-storming methods have become passe. We must maintain the zeal, the fire, the fervor, of the old methods, but adopt new means in their place. We must go



This group of youngsters of the Baptist Orphanage wish to thank you for what you have already done for them and the large number of other children of the Orphanage. They are also asking that you do your best on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th.

back to youth to re-educate it on the evils of alcohol. Our church papers, denominational schools, and all of our churches must join hands in this task of laying again the foundations in the lives of young people and children for the erection of the superstructure of moral character. We must now as never before appeal to the reason of aspiring people, particularly to the young, to let them know that liquor holds down an individual as well as a nation. We must say to these who aspire for promotion that no subordinate has to drink with his superior to "stand in" with him; no employer needs to offer drink to his employees to win their respect and cooperation. We must say to them that no man can achieve success on "cocktail power."

We must appeal to Christians to abstain, and to so educate their children, both by precept and example. We must urge them to stand foursquare for Christ, for morality, and for sobriety, even when it is unpopular. In meeting this enemy with adequate means, we must appeal to God instead of to Congress for our greatest help.

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IN PRISON, AND YE VISITED —

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ready to go he ripped a place in his garment and from between the outside and lining drew out a hundred dollar bill. (In U. S. currency this would amount to ten dollars.) He handed it to me saying, "The brethren and sisters of our church sent this to you as a token of their love for you in this your time of need." "Brother Bee," I said, "I can't take this. It would be like taking food out of your children's mouths. The churches here in the city are giving enough to meet my needs." "I have heard," he said, "but we also want to have a part."

Since my rest period was finished last fall we have been on the go most of the time. Have traveled in six states, given two hundred and fifty-two addresses (besides the many by Mrs. Abernathy) on Foreign Missions, secured one hundred thirty-two subscriptions to The Commission and have promised engagements through the middle of August this summer. We sometimes get homesick for China and our Christians there and pray that He will open the way in the not too distant future for us to return to them and our work when we can take up again where we were forced to lay down on December 8, 1941. He is able and still answers the prayers of His people. Continue to pray for our usefulness while detained in the homeland.—John A. Abernathy, 316 N. 21st Street, Fort Smith, Ark.

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There are 131 members from the church and Sunday school of the First Baptist Church of West Point in the armed services.

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HONOR ROLL

The churches listed below have agreed to contribute to the Now Club (or other object of their choice) the amount they would have given to pay their pastor's expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The same is true of individuals listed below:

Duck Hill Baptist Church.
Highland Church, Meridian.
First Church, New Albany.
Newton Baptist Church.
Brookhaven church.
Northside church, Jackson.
A. L. Goodrich.
D. A. McCall.
E. C. Williams.
A. J. Wilds.
Fannie Traylor.
Edwina Robinson.
M. E. Perry.
Bryan Simmons.
J. R. G. Hewlett.
Carolyn Madison.
Davis Memorial, Jackson.

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Norris Palmer is the preacher in a Crusade revival at Calvary church in Tupelo, F. M. Powell, pastor. Norris Palmer needs no introduction to Mississippi Baptists. He is finishing his tenth year as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, now one of the twelve largest churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a member of the Sunday School Board and is now president of the Louisiana State Baptist Convention. Calvary's own musical director, Paul Ballard, has charge of the music.

C. S. Thomas, pastor at Duck Hill, has recently preached two Commencement sermons—at Duck Hill and Alva.

From one of our subscribers we have the following note: "For the enclosed money please send The Baptist Record to my two boys who are in the service. The proudest thing that we can say about them is that both are Christians. They did not drink and one was a student at Clarke College when he entered the army."

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

May

Evangelism.
Cooperative Program.
Pay off State Debts (Now Club).
Orphanage Day.
Hospital Day.
G. A. Focus Week, 9-14.
Association Elimination Contests in B. T. U.
Vacation Bible Schools.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.
Blue Mountain Endowment.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Mt. Nebo, Newton County Adopts the EVERY FAMILY Plan

From Rev. C. E. Snowden, pastor of Mt. Nebo church, we have received their EVERY FAMILY list



REV. C. E. SNOWDEN

with the request that The Baptist Record be started on its way to the members of that church. We feel certain that the good Baptists of Mt. Nebo are going to know more about Baptist affairs throughout the state and the world, and are going to have a larger share in preaching

the gospel at home and abroad as they learn about the acts of the apostles in the year of 1943.

Newton county has become one of the better Baptist Record counties. Subscriptions are now listed as follows: MT. NEBO 19; Sulphur Springs 1; Bethel 4; Chunky 3; Conehatta 2; DECATUR 41; HICKORY 81; Lawrence 2; Little Rock 1; NEWTON 198; STRATTON 23; UNION 159; Midway 2; GOOD HOPE 13; Pinkney 7; Fellowship 6; Roberts 1; Mt. Vernon 1; Rock Branch 5; Macedonia 1.

Dear Brother Goodrich:

I am sending list for the Record, from the Bucatunna Baptist Church. They have accepted the EVERY FAMILY Plan with great pride and joy. At present there are only three subscribers to the Record. I am sending in a list for 39 more. The EVERY FAMILY Plan makes the difference.

I think this is one of the best investments a church can make. The Record will pay for itself, many times, in a financial way, but the biggest dividend will be in church attendance, and an increased interest in the church program.

Many thanks to the Record, for the information it gives to my church members and the time it saves me in keeping my people informed.

V. R. MEADOWS, Pastor.

Dr. Potter Joins 100 Per Cent Crowd

Among the recent additions to the progressive group of pastors who have all their churches on the EVERY FAMILY Plan is William Potter, pastor at McLain and Janice churches in Perry county. Dr. Potter previously held pastorates in Arkansas and Michigan and holds Ph.D., Th.D. and D.D. degrees from the American Bible College. He was associated with John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, in publicity and radio work, over KUOA. He is author of several tracts and booklets, and served as director of publicity at B. B. I. during the session 1942-43. He was ordained at Memphis, is married and has a son, 13 years old. Mrs. Potter is a talented musician, accomplished in both voice and violin. McLain has gone from one-half to three-fourths preaching time, thus giving full time preaching in the community. With the pastor preaching, McLain joined in the Crusade revival movement. In addition to voting the EVERY FAMILY Plan, the church voted to send a tithe of its gross income to the Cooperative Program, and to acquire a pastor's home and have it ready for occupation about May 1. The church plans to reorganize the B. T. U. and have a Vacation Bible school, also a mid-summer revival. It is the pastor's hope to have a Brotherhood and to increase the attendance at Sunday school and the W. M. S.

NOW THAT IT CAN BE TOLD

This is to pay a slight tribute to a worthy Baptist preacher who passed away more than thirty years ago, after rendering valuable service to the cause of Christ as one of our missionaries in the Delta. He was Rev. Vernon H. Nelson with whom I had the privilege of association for a few years. There are still some who will recall his name and service with brotherly affection and appreciation. His work is too worthy to go without mention. I know nothing of his family antecedents, and but little of those who inherit his name or blood. A daughter of his was married to Dr. Hooker, at one time a missionary to Mexico and later a surgeon on an American Line steamship.

Any one meeting Brother Nelson would be immediately and favorably impressed by his fine physical appearance. He was above the average height and weight, and carried himself always as erect as a soldier in uniform. When I knew him he was perhaps fifty years old. His hair and mustache were iron grey and his eyes a sparkling blue. He was alert in his bearing and facial expression as if his mind was always awake and active.

He lived at Carrollton and preached in many places in the Delta, as an appointee of the State Convention Board. He had been a Confederate soldier, belonging to that class of men who had been matured in the fires of conflict, with his wits sharpened and his moral fibre strengthened by the experiences of the Civil War and the years immediately following. He was a cavalryman, and I remember hearing him say that he made it his habit when in the army never to let loose the reins of his horse. This habit of instant readiness for any emergency characterized him ever afterward. He gave you the impression of a man without fear and without guile, a wholesome man among men. You couldn't keep from liking him.

He was not always a Baptist, but in earlier years had been a Methodist pastor. He maintained a brotherly spirit, whatever changes had come in his convictions. I said to him once, "Brother Nelson, I have always wondered why and how a Methodist preacher who loves the Lord and His word can not see the truth as we see it. Maybe you can tell me." He said, "I do not know, unless it is that the Lord has not opened their eyes."

Then I asked him how he got his eyes open; and he told me his experience. He said that he was reared a Methodist, and had never questioned that they were right. He thought they were the best people in the world, and that the best people in the world could not be wrong. But one time he was attending the Methodist Conference and received a severe jolt. It came about in this way: A preacher was giving his annual report, and told of how he had violated a vow that he had made to God, and was sore troubled about it. He had promised the Lord that he would never leave a home where he was visiting without having prayer with the family. But on one occasion he had failed to do this, and his conscience was deeply pained. This was told in the open meeting. Dr. C. K. Marshall of Vicksburg, one of the most eloquent and popular preachers the Methodists ever had, stood up and rebuked the brother for having a diseased conscience, and ridiculed his scruples.

This so surprised Brother Nelson that he began to wonder for the first time if a Methodist preacher could be wrong. In other words, it set him to thinking. And thinking is a dangerous business for some people. He soon came to the conclusion not only that one could be wrong but was wrong. He landed in a Baptist church and in a Baptist pulpit, where he did great service for the kingdom of God.

One little incident in connection with him is recalled because it let me see into the gentleness and unselfishness of his soul. We were attending some kind of meeting at Leland. We started out for a morning walk down the railroad. The dew was on the grass. He looked down and saw that I had on a brand new pair of shoes. He took me by the arm and quietly pushed me behind him, and said, "Here let me walk in front and knock the dew off the grass." I protested but he insisted, saying his shoes would not be hurt by the dew. I was ashamed of myself, but I have ever remembered his considera-

J. B. RAY LEADS FULTON REVIVAL

Dr. R. L. Senter, fine Christian leader, Fulton, Mississippi, sends in an interesting and inspiring report of the Soul Winning Crusade revival, held in Fulton, recently by Enlistment Pastor Jas. B. Ray.

Dr. Senter states that Rev. Ray has a real capacity for winning lost souls, and that a deep spiritual atmosphere prevailed in the meeting. He has a love in his heart for everybody. In the county-wide revival several people gave themselves to Jesus, and although no professions in the Fulton revival were openly made, many rededicated themselves and lost people asked for prayer.

The spirit of giving was manifest when the offering for Missions was more than \$100.

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Dr. J. W. Bruner, endowment secretary of Texas told us the other day of an unprepossessing man who came recently to the home of President E. D. Head of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. At first Dr. Head wondered if the man wanted to ask for something, but he invited him in. The man then said in effect: "I used to be in your classes when you were teaching the Bible in Baylor University. I always said that I wanted to help you in the work you were doing. So I came today to make a little gift to the Seminary endowment." He took out a roll of currency and counted out \$1,500, which reminds us of the Scripture, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."—Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

Rev. J. B. Ray, Enlistment Pastor in Northeast Mississippi, did the preaching at Verona in the Lee county Crusade, April 4-9. The Verona people were more than pleased with his preaching, and the attendance was good throughout. An unusual feature of the meeting was that the eleven o'clock services were held in the grade school one day and in the high school the next, with the school, as well as the public, in attendance. Bro. Ray gave two hours each afternoon to private conferences with pupils concerning any of their problems. He was kept busy. Six joined the church, five of them for baptism, and there were a number of other conversions, some indicating their desire to join the local Methodist church, other churches in other communities served by the school buses. Bro. Ray does a constructive work, and any pastor will be helped by having him conduct a meeting in his church. The pastor's salary was raised \$10 per month.—F. V. McFarridge, pastor.

Clear Springs Baptist Church, Smith county, has just had Miss Camille Shirley to conduct a Vacation Bible school for us. A fine spirit was manifested by the entire group. We had only one week this time, as this was our first school; but we hope to have at least two weeks another summer. The report is as follows: 39 enrolled; 31 average attendance; 19 perfect attendance; \$7.46 mission offering.—Reporter.

From Saul's Valley church, Monticello, a list of new subscribers has come into The Baptist Record office. More are expected soon from among the progressive leaders of this church.

Mt. Moriah church in Tishomingo county, W. A. Rhodes, Sr., pastor, had a good Crusade revival with Rev. Brumbelow of Hornsby, Tenn., doing the preaching. Attendance was good and there were two professions of faith. The church was greatly revived.—W. A. Rhodes, church clerk.

It was a delight to be with the Itta Bena church for the third time in a year as song leader in revivals. Pastor W. R. Storie did his own preaching and I have never heard greater gospel sermons than Bro. Storie delivered. Attendance was fine at all services. Itta Bena church is very spiritual and is really doing things for the Master. There were five additions and a deepening of the spiritual life of the church.—Earl C. Edwards.

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tion and beautiful unselfish spirit.

He loved the Lord and loved everybody and everything that the Lord loves. Now for many years he has been with the Lord, beholding His face and made into His likeness.—P. I. Lipsey.

Baptist Training Union

AIM—Training in Church Membership

AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary
OXFORD, MISS. JACKSON, MISS.

Congratulations to Second Avenue, Laurel

We had the best Training school we have ever had so far as I have been able to find out: The average attendance for the week was 106, with a peak attendance of 127.

We had been going along with an average attendance of from 60 to 80 in Training Union when we decided something should be done to reach more of our church members. We need more leaders and trained members.

We were already making plans for our March study course when we decided on the enlargement effort. I guess our faith was too weak to call it an enlargement campaign. We began our preparation according to suggestions in the leaflet, "The Baptist Training Union Enlargement Campaign," and used that as a guide in our work.

Two weeks before the campaign began we had a total of 70 present on Sunday night with an enrollment of 119. We had one union for each age group from the Story Hour through the Adult Union. Our goal for the campaign included five departments with two unions in each and a grand total of 140 present for the Sunday night at the close of the week's work.

We did not quite complete the organization of the new Young People's Union last night. Our grand total Sunday night was 142. Everybody feels good about the results, and especially the director and pastor.

Sincerely yours,
Clifford Watson, Director.

Facts Concerning the Coming District Training Union Convention

When and where we meet:

District, host church,	June
Six, Burnsville	7
Five, New Albany	8
Seven, Bruce	9
Eight, Spring Creek	10
Eleven, 41st Meridian	11
Ten, Raleigh	14
Twelve, Ellisville	15
Fourteen, Salem	16
Thirteen, Wiggins	17
Fifteen, First McComb	18
One, First Jackson	21
Nine, Durant	22
Two, Moorhead	23
Three, Paynes	24
Four, Lyon	25

The hour and plan of meeting:

Each convention will open at 2:00 p. m. Be there by 1:30 to register and visit with your friends before program starts.

There will be an afternoon and evening session. An intermission for fun and food from 5:30-7:00. The convention will adjourn about nine-thirty—by the sun only 8:30—and these are the longest days in the year.

Plan before leaving home to stay to the close.

Bring an offering—We change this year from the usual registration fee to an offering. Those who will, are asked to bring a 25c offering. Less is acceptable. No one will be embarrassed if you fail or forget to bring one. We want this to be an open for all convention, everybody attending

who possibly can. Many school buses will be used this year.

The program in outline:

- 1:30—Registration.
- 2:00—Songs, Scripture and prayer.
- 2:15—Miss Sara Wallis speaks.
- 2:30—Bible stories.
- 2:45—Junior memory work.
- 3:00—Intermediate sword drill.
- 3:15—Miss Ruth Garcia speaks.
- 3:40—Sectional conferences.
- 5:00—Assembly song.
- 5:10—Panel forum.
- 5:25—Roll call—awardings.
- 5:30—Recess and supper.
- 7:00—Song service, committee reports.
- 7:15—Young people's speaking.
- 7:30—Mr. Frank Skilton speaks.
- 7:45—Miss Ruth Garcia speaks.
- 8:15—Motion pictures.

Who's who on the program:

Miss Sara Wallis finishes Blue Mountain College in May and comes to our Training Union Department to serve as associate in the work. She will make her debut at the district conventions.

Miss Ruth Garcia is a native of Argentina, and will bring us a word picture of her wonderland home, and the progress of Christianity there.

Mr. Frank Skilton, public relations secretary of Blue Mountain College.

Mr. Aubert J. Wilds, state Baptist Training Union secretary.

Besides these, in each convention, many from within the district will contribute to the success of the program.

Sheets explaining the contests have been mailed to all leaders. If you failed to receive one we will gladly send one upon request.

Leaders: Please keep a file of your Quarterlies for reference. Our contest material is gotten from these each year.

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GREENE COUNTY PLANS TO BANISH BEER

Another Mississippi county is on the move against legal beer and wine. Greene county has taken up the fight to make its towns and hamlets DRY. Acting as host church to a gathering of pastors and lay workers, the McLain Baptist Church was the scene of the opening rally to encourage the forces of righteousness in the encounter against "the world, the flesh and the devil."

Dr. D. A. McCall, our militant, fiery executive secretary, delivering the inspirational address, led out against the forces that destroy Kingdom influence and challenged his hearers to "let nothing discourage" in the conflict. It was a unanimous opinion that Dr. McCall's message was "just what the doctor ordered" to inspire and encourage the DRY forces.

In a period of earnest prayer and careful planning, the meeting was turned into an open forum and an organization perfected to carry on the details of the battle. Appointed by the body to assume the responsibility were: Rev. W. E. Stewart, Leakesville; Rev. H. H. Hilbun, New Augusta, and Dr. William Potter, McLain.

Mississippi Baptists are urged to give earnest prayers to this matter.

BAPTIST COLLEGE STUDENTS' SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

1. SERVE IN THE HOME CHURCH

—As a member, officer, or leader in the Sunday school, the Training Union, the W. M. U. organizations, and laymen groups. Teach Sunday school classes, or organize new ones. Participate in the Vacation Bible school. Here is a place for every consecrated Baptist student to serve and help win the lost to Christ. Serve in local church Training school . . . organize or lead a Story Hour, a Junior or Intermediate Union. The Senior Unions may present the greatest challenge. Serve as usher, sing in the choir, take part in church visitation, and in the religious census. Help minister to service men and women in the community as well as to those who have gone from the home church.

II. ASSOCIATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

—Help organize your association for Sunday school, Training Union, and missionary endeavor. The association is the logical means of reaching every Baptist church, and churchless communities. (The Sunday School Board will supply a quarter's literature free for all new Sunday schools and new Training Unions. The same is true for material for new Cradle Roll and Extension departments.)

III. IN THE STATE—Write your state leaders for suggestions as to places, but DO NOT depend upon

HOW A YOUNG LADY SHOULD BEHAVE IN CHURCH

Whenever there's something I don't understand,
I go to my mother—for mother is grand
At telling me just what the answer should be.
She's patient and kind in explaining to me.

One day when I found I was growing up fast,
And soon I would be a young lady at last,
I asked her to tell me as plain as she could,
Just how, when in church, I should act, to be good.

She nodded her head, and she said with a smile,
"You'll find out yourself, if you'll wait for a while;
Just watch the old-timers and do as they do,
What's all right for them, is right for you, too."

MARTIN BARGER,
Piquette Miss.

them alone to place you. Use your spiritual initiative and find your place. Be ready and willing to do anything you are called upon to do. Be faithful in attendance at ALL church services. Be humble! Be sincere! Be Christlike! Share Christ with others this summer. If you have not already done so, secure and sign a Baptist Student Union enlistment card and hand to B. S. U. president or secretary.—William Hall Preston, Department of Student Work, 161 8th Ave., N., Nashville.

LEGAL NOTICE OF REDEMPTION of SERIAL BONDS OF THE BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION

of
Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi—dated
December 1, 1937

Notice is hereby given to the holders of the herein described Serial Bonds of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission of Mississippi, dated December 1, 1937

Date of Maturity	Numbers	Denomination	Amount
	436-471		
Dec. 1, 1952	473-505	\$ 500	\$35,000
Dec. 1, 1953	515-595	\$ 500	\$40,000
Dec. 1, 1954	596-647	\$1000	\$52,000
Dec. 1, 1954	648	\$ 500	\$ 500

that said bonds have been called for redemption on June 1, 1943, under the terms and provisions thereof and pursuant to a resolution of the Baptist Education Commission of Mississippi, unanimously adopted at its regularly and duly held meeting in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, on January 11, 1943. Payment of said bonds at 102 percentum with accrued interest to June 1, 1943, will be made at the office of the said Commission in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, upon presentation thereof in negotiable form, and with all coupons maturing on or after June 1, 1943, attached.

Interest on the herein described bonds called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after June 1, 1943.

THE BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION
OF MISSISSIPPI,
By D. A. McCall, Executive-Secretary-Treasurer,
(Its duly authorized officer)

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson For May 2

WHAT OUR LORD WANTS MOST TO KNOW

Text: John 21

Introduction.

Read the entire chapter. Think again of the crucifixion. Glance again at what followed it. How the disciples must have been cast down by the death of our Lord on the cross. If, as they believed was true, His death on the cross terminated His relationship with them, they were to grieve not only for the death of a friend but for the failure of a cause, a cause to which they had agreed to devote their lives. Then dawned the day of the resurrection, and came the report that the tomb was empty, and close on the heels of that report, the incredible report that Jesus was alive and had been seen, and then, with only a few hours at most intervening, the report that He had been seen again, and then the testimony of the two who walked to Emmaus, and the immediate appearance to the whole company of the disciples, Thomas alone being absent. How the hearts of them must have been leaping with transports unspeakable as the night of that first Lord's day deepened toward its noon! Peter had denied His Lord and might therefore have been regarded by the others as having forfeited the right to a part in the resurrection rapture of the other disciples. But the Lord had appeared to him on the day of the resurrection, and had also sent him a message by Mary. But Peter loved the Lord and the Lord knew it. He had said to a Pharisee once that he who has much forgiven loves much, and might have said, "He who loveth much shall have much forgiven him."

I. An Otherwise Good Work With the Lord Left Out.

"I go a fishing." Of course that was Peter. He was the first to say anything, to do anything, to go anywhere. That is one of the reasons he amounted to something. Did he do wrong to go fishing? I have heard that he did; but I do not think so. He and his friends were waiting for some instructions from the Lord. Perhaps it was three or four weeks now since the crucifixion, and it is probable that the Lord had intimated to them that He would be giving them further instructions as to what He wanted them to do, and had left them to their own devices for the time. So Peter went back to the thing he could do for a living, and the others went with him. Only trouble is that they seem to have forgotten for a time the Lord, or that they did not know that now He had exchanged the mode of His existence, He could go with them in spiritual, but nevertheless real presence. They just forgot or neglected or refrained through ignorance asking Jesus to come along with them. So they went out and worked all night, all the time far off from His willing help. "That night they took nothing," caught no fish. Well, many a man gets nowhere in business for the same failure. Maybe one who is not the Lord's may have greater

success than one who, professing to be a lover of the Lord, and really being one, goes to his work of the day or of the week with no thought of the Lord's possible presence and of His wondrous power to help. Now, a Christian who goes it alone without the Lord may do some work and do it well, but he is not going to be happy in it with the happiness which is the right of everyone who for Jesus' sake does all his business.

II. The Difference When Jesus Leads in Business.

He was leading and they did not know it. He was there and they were unaware of it. He spoke to them and they did not recognize Him. But they did what He said. Look what happened! Did you ever wonder what would occur if a heathen should hear the voice of the Son of God, not knowing whose voice it was, and should do what Jesus told him. If He should speak and command you, do you suppose you would recognize Him, in His command? He commanded His own, and they did not at the first know Him. But they did what He said, and such a draught of fishes as they took as a result of this obedience as they had not before taken. It was this fact, grasped by the intuition of John, that convinced His disciples that this was their Lord they had with them, and He had just granted them the favor to see that He was still master on ocean and earth and all that did inhabit them.

These fishermen took orders from Jesus, and He, for that reason, saw to it that they did not labor in vain. They did what He told them, and took care that their labors should be fruitful. Anyhow, when He says do a thing, and you do it, the fruit of that doing will be just what the Lord pleases.

III. The Lord Provides for the Needs of the Obedient.

The disciples had worked all night and were therefore hungry and tired. They needed exactly what Jesus provided for them, and He was careful to provide just what they did need. It is always so, it will always be so. Not what you want, maybe, but what you need He will provide, if you cast where He tells you.

First He gave them a great catch of fish so that they had a good night. Then He provided food for their hungry bodies that they might go on in comfort, doing His will that day. Above all else, He wanted them to get His farewell instructions.

IV. What Our Lord Wants Most to



The goal for the Orphanage on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th, is \$10,000 offering. Help them reach this goal by making a liberal offering to this cause.

Columbia, S. C.—The South Carolina general assembly has banned the sale of beer on Sundays, effective July 1. (A better plan would be to ban it forever.—Editor.)

Know.

"Lovest thou Me more than these?" More than what? All right, go on and answer it. Whatever was His meaning particularly this was His meaning, "Lovest thou Me more than anything and everything else in the world?" Do you love Me? Then I have a work that I want you to do. If you love the owner of the sheep, you will tenderly tend the sheep. Even if a worthy young man loves a young lady of fine degree, he will take care that nothing of hers shall take hurt at his hands. If any man love the Lord, that man will see to it that nothing of the Lord's shall be neglected or misused, if it be in his power to prevent it.

"Lovest thou Me?" That is the one thing the Lord most wants to know of you. The only reason He would have you do anything for Him is that you love Him. If you do not love Him, tell Him so. He will know it anyway, will know it from your actions that will blare with the trumpet tongued volume of a fire siren the fact that you do not love Him. If you do love Him, tell Him so. He wants to hear you say it, and to see you bear through your conduct a witness which the world will not, cannot, doubt. If you love Him, He will give you a task to do, a glorious task, because it is His task, and it is to be performed for Him.

MANPOWER COMMISSION ADD CHURCH ACTIVITIES TO ESSENTIAL LIST

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Michael J. Ready, general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, has made public the text of a letter from Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, announcing the inclusion of church activities in the index of essential activities. The announcement following an exchange of letters in which Monsignor Ready drew attention to the omission of religious, charitable, and educational occupations from the list of activities considered essential by the Manpower Commission, and asked that local selective service boards "be not stopped in granting just recognition of the service these religious institutions give in our American communities."

Replying to Monsignor Ready, Mr. McNutt wrote:

"Upon receipt of your recent letter, I asked the War Manpower Commission's committee on essential activities to consider the questions posed by you. The committee has recently informed me that it has now added 'church activities' to the index of essential activities, so that it now appears in the public version which was distributed recently to all local offices of the United States Employment Service, and will also appear in any revisions which the selective service system makes in its occupational bulletins."

—BR—

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—German occupation authorities in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia have ordered church bells melted down for war purposes.

May we recognize the needs of the orphan child whom our brother left behind, and seeing his needs helps us to realize our responsibility in meeting them. Make a gift on Mother's Day for this purpose.

Sacramento, Calif.—The California assembly has approved the McMillan bill to permit children to receive religious education during school hours, but off school premises. The measure has now gone to the Senate for consideration. Its author, a resident of Los Angeles, said the law, if enacted, will help in the fight against juvenile delinquency. A similar bill was passed two years ago, but was vetoed by the governor then in office. The present governor has not announced his stand.

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A GREAT MISSION FIELD AND A FINE MISSIONARY

(Continued from Page One)

of Walthall county as their representative. Each church in the association allots five percent of the gross budget for his salary.

It was the privilege of E. C. Williams, state Sunday school secretary and Convention president, and myself to accompany him over his field recently. Brother Waldrup has a true missionary's heart. He has greatly endeared himself not only to the people he goes so far back to serve, but to pastors and church members who make it possible for him to go. He preaches 28 sermons per month. He has added 105 new members to the Baptist churches, and some joined other churches. In every field except one he has organized Sunday schools, and within three months after he began work the associational Sunday school attendance grew 18 percent. He preaches in the community center at Big Field, a U. S. farm project of 30 families. At Clear Creek, in the depth of what was not so long ago a big swamp, he preaches in a rough saw-mill. People come though they sometimes have to wear boots to wade the Delta mud and water. Here a whole family of eight were all converted and baptized, except the baby. In this community a boy of fourteen was baptized who had never been to church or heard the Gospel preached before.

In the Shine Turner Bridge community there are 100 families. In a pecan grove, he preaches and will open two more preaching points as soon as possible. In Green River community he preaches under a brush arbor in woods that border Six-Mile lake. Services are held in a small school house at Little Texas, but as the crowds have grown too large, he will work to build a tabernacle. Asking about the origin of the name we found the people so named it when it was such a "tough" community. The preaching of the Gospel has now made it a place where living is decent. Another mission point is Counts, where he preaches in a school building. At Union Chapel he is temporary pastor. Although this is a young church he has led the membership to give 20% to the Cooperative Program. He is remaining only until the church calls a regular pastor.

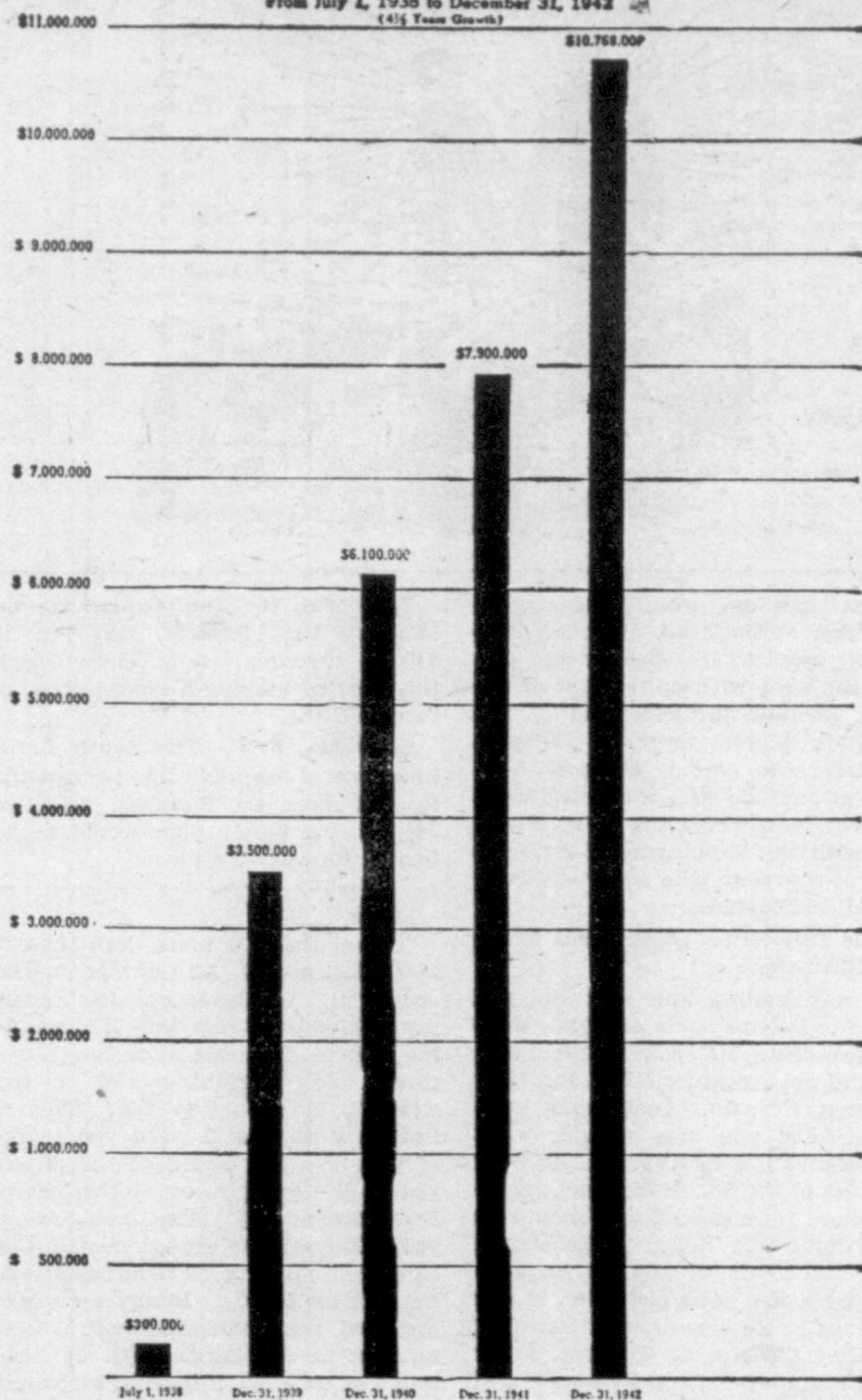
On Saturdays except in the cold winter he preaches on the streets of the towns, delivering either three or four sermons, depending on the route he takes. Large crowds attend the services. On Saturdays he also has a morning half-hour on KFFA, the Clarksdale radio. His people in his fields listen eagerly during this program.

In each of his communities Bro. Waldrup has placed a fifteen-volume religious library. He also furnishes free of charge nice Bibles to families who do not have one. These and other special helps, tracts, etc., are given by individuals and churches. He has a loud speaker for his car, music records for every type of service, and electric lights for his night services.

Bro. Williams and I left with the deep conviction that many more associations in Mississippi should prayerfully consider employing at the earliest time possible an associational missionary.—E. Gaines Hightower, Enlistment Pastor, District Two.

Ministers Retirement Plan AGGREGATE OF SALARIES ENLISTED

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A TRUE STORY OF LIFE

In eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, God saw fit to call home that dear mother of mine.

Although I was hardly three She was the dearest one on earth to me.

She was an old fashioned mother with a heart as pure as gold.

She taught me of Jesus and of His love she often told.

How He died for the sinner, how they nailed Him to the cross,

How He suffered there in pain, that no human soul be lost.

I'm so glad I learned of Jesus, of His mercies and His love.

Now I know that I will meet her in that Heavenly Home above,

Where there'll be no pain or sorrow, where there'll be no cares or woe.

There I'll meet my dear old daddy, who has gone there long ago.

And my darling little baby that God loaned to me

To gladden my lonely heart, just two months or three.

I know that soon He's coming to call His children home.

I know He'll call my number, for He told me I was His own.

Oh, sinner, won't you listen to His pleading voice?

Oh, give your heart to Jesus, trust in His love.

You, too, will meet your loved ones, who have gone to Heaven above.

—Mrs. Della Mae Wall,
Forkville, Mississippi.
—BR—

London (RNS)—Hope that a world Baptist Congress might be able to assemble in Moscow after the war was expressed here by Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance. In a survey of the history and present status of Russian Baptists, published here by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, Dr. Rushbrooke praised the Soviet government's "new cordiality" toward his co-religionists, but urged the restoration of freedom of propaganda for religion.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS

1. We often hear the phrase, "The Lord tempers the wind to the shorn lamb." Is it found in the Bible, or elsewhere?

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2. Describe the house mentioned in I Samuel 28:24, and how it was constructed.

...

3. A Bible character, seeing the fall of his insurrection, closed his personal affairs, and committed suicide. Can you name him?

...

4. In Acts 27:9, we read, "The fast was now already past," etc. Why did Paul use this statement on his voyage to Rome?

(Correct answer on Page 15)

I BELIEVE

I believe that when God said for us to give the tenth to the Lord He meant all who were enjoying His blessings. I believe that this is a debt that we owe the same as we do our groceries at the end of the month. I believe that if we had been tithing there would have been no world wars. The world would have been led to the throne of grace, but as it is we are using every means at hand to bring death and destruction to people.

I believe if we don't pay this debt one way we will another. Yes, I believe it is good first to pay our debt. Then it is a good insurance. If we get sick we will be taken care of and should we lie there for most six years and not allowed to go to church as I have done for the last six years, you may feel you are helping to furnish the power that is taking the old Ship of Zion around the world and helping to shove in the shells that are blasting away at the enemy. Yes, I believe that is a wonderful thing to be on the safe side with the Lord.—Joe Woodyear, Roxie, Mississippi.

—BR—

In May, every Baptist church, S. S., B. T. U., W. M. S., pray for B. M. C. endowment offering in June.

SUMMER TERMS AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE Are To Be Held As Planned

The Navy Unit is to be added about July first, but the regular college program is not to be interrupted.

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The First Report!

The first Vacation Bible school report we have received this year is from Clear Springs church, Smith Association. The pastor is Rev. Guerla Henderson, and the Sunday school superintendent is Mr. L. W. Jones.

In sending the report, the principal says, "The children almost begged for another week, and the workers showed such a great interest and beautiful spirit. This was the first school for this church, and although the workers had never had any experience in this work, there were eight of them who worked through the entire school. This is a typical rural church, like so many we have in the state.

"I walked six miles every day to this church and return, and on the last day I walked nine miles, making an extra trip for the commencement program. Gasoline rationing doesn't have to interfere with the Lord's work unless we get lazy on the job. We can if we will."

This is surely a great testimony of what can be done when people really want to. This rural church had a great school although it never had before. They gave \$7.46 for Chinese relief.

Yes, that's right; we can if we will.

A Pastor's Word

In a recent letter from one of our pastors, there is this statement regarding the Vacation Bible school: "It is from every point of view the best way to win young people to Christ and to a healthy Christian life. It is a great aide in reconstructing deviated lives and personalities."

Yes, the Vacation Bible school is one of the greatest pieces of work a church can do in the summer time. Plan for it now and get the free literature on how to put on one. It will be gladly sent on request.

Standards

These applications for standard units just keep rolling along, and we are always happy to have them. So many leaders are really getting down to business in this because they see that it helps to keep the people working toward some worthy aims all the time. We give below the ones that have recently come in.

Classes

JUNIOR: Griffith Memorial, Jackson—Church Goers, C. E. Hawkins, teacher; Six Pointers, Miss Nina Hunt, teacher; Torch Bearers, Mrs. W. D. Smith, teacher; Willing Workers, Virgil C. Scott, teacher; Bible Readers, Mrs. T. J. Temple, teacher; Race Runners, W. D. Smith, teacher; King's Daughters, Mrs. T. R. King, teacher; Cheerful Helpers, Miss Wilma O'Brian, teacher; Bible Lovers, Mrs. Fred Melton, teacher.

Boys Cadet Corps, Liberty, Mrs. J. T. Wilson, teacher.

West Laurel—Leaders, V. A. Miller, teacher; Knights of Honor, I. L. Yarbrough, teacher; True Blues, Mrs. C. J. Gatlin, teacher.

Church Goers, New Albany, Mrs. N. J. Parker, teacher.

Philadelphia—Boys Cadet Corps, J. E. Fields, teacher; Loyal Soldiers, Miss Freeda Mae McCullough, teacher; His Followers, Miss Eliza Crews, teacher;

Good Workers, Miss Laura Green, teacher; Up Streamers, J. P. Foster, teacher; Dorcas, Mrs. P. E. Walker, teacher; Willing Workers, Mrs. Joab Langston, teacher.

McComb First church—Willing Workers, Miss Elva Gardner, teacher; Doers of the Word, Mrs. Enoch J. Williams, teacher; Wide Awakes, Mrs. Jack Gardner, teacher; The Pilots, George B. Moore, teacher; Bible Learners, Mrs. O. K. Walton, teacher; King's Daughters, Miss Julia Brent, teacher.

INTERMEDIATES: King's Messengers, Jackson First, Miss Gladys Clement, teacher; Comrades, Leland, Miss Frances Lippincott, teacher; Aviators, New Albany, A. L. Beavers, teacher.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Martha, Louisville, Mrs. L. C. Murphree, teacher; Ruth, Leland, Mrs. Chester L. Quarles, teacher.

ADULT: Leila Rhodes, Ackerman, Mrs. H. L. Rhodes, teacher; Gleaners, 15th Avenue-Meridian, Mrs. E. H. Yarbrough, teacher; Business Women, Calvary, Jackson, Mrs. S. L. Webb, teacher.

Department

The only recent standard department is the Primary of the First church, Meridian, Mrs. J. R. Whitaker, superintendent.

Schools

Leland, Rev. Chester L. Quarles, pastor, Roy Kuykendall, superintendent; Quitman, Rev. W. L. Meadows, pastor, S. B. Kirkland, superintendent; Ruleville, Billy Watson, pastor, H. Lee Herring, superintendent; Holly Springs, Rev. E. L. Byrd, pastor, C. D. Collins, superintendent; Union, Rev. C. M. Savage, pastor, Otis Foster, superintendent; Goodman, Rev. Madison Flowers, pastor, J. T. Skelton, superintendent.

To one and all of these workers we say "Thank you" for sending these applications, and offer sincerest congratulations on the good work.

Church Libraries

New libraries have recently been organized in these churches: New Zion, Simpson Association, Mrs. Georgia E. Barron, librarian; Rocky Mount, Calhoun Association, Mrs. Lillian McGregor, librarian; Oldtown, Calhoun Association, O. M. Porter, librarian; Corinth First, Alcorn Association, Miss Christine Wright, librarian.

From the recent Bulletin of the Sunday School Board we note that in February Mississippi stood fourth among the states of the South in the number of library reports, fourth in number of books borrowed that month, and sixth in the total number of books in library. A good record because many churches are taking seriously this business of reading.

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Are you reading your Baptist Record? If not, you are missing some fine things, for Editor Goodrich is giving us a great paper. In last week's issue there are a number of articles that all should read. Dr. McCall has a message on his page that every Mississippi Baptist should read. There are two splendid articles on the liquor problem. The report of the state W. M. U. Convention makes one feel that he is present listening. There are

THE VIRTUES OF THE MOTHERS SHALL BE VISITED ON THE CHILDREN

"I think it must somewhere be written that the virtues of the mothers shall be visited on their children, as well as the sins of their fathers."—Charles Dickens.

There are two significant items on Southern Baptists' calendar for May. They are Christian Home Week and Mother's Day. Both of these afford us an opportunity to emphasize the sanctity of the home.

Someone has said, "Childhood is the hope of the world." Most of us realize that. Our future homes, our future state, our future nation depend largely upon what is assimilated by the childhood and youth of today.

Christian homes give to the children faith. Christian homes have within their walls love. They teach by daily practice love of right and justice, love of beauty and light, love of God and His way in the world.

Among early American settlers life centered in the home and around the family altar. Those stalwart, loving family circles built character. In the capable hands of the children who came out of them America made rapid progress.

No one can think of those sturdy pioneers without a fervent wish that their influence might abide.

That homesick longing for the family fireside is not so much a yearning for the horse and buggy age as it is an escape from the paganism of modern civilization. It is a longing to return to a genuine, purposeful living.

The first objective of Blue Mountain College is to train women for Christian homemaking. In June every Baptist church in Mississippi is being asked to make an offering to Blue Mountain's endowment fund.

During Christian Home Week in May every church, every Woman's Missionary Society, every Sunday school, every Training Union is asked to pray for the success of this offering in June. Churches and their organizations not meeting during Christian Home Week, please offer prayer when you do meet in May.

Pray for the offering in June.

many other good things. Read your Record every week. It will make you a better Baptist.—Pastor Joe T. Odle, in Crystal Springs Baptist Courier.

ANOTHER WATCHMAN HAS FALLEN

A useful ministry which began in 1917 was ended recently when Rev. Cleveland S. Thornton, 58, passed away. He had been a Baptist since 1903. He was pastor of churches in Smith, Newton and Wayne counties, until ill health forced him to retire seven years ago. He was a good preacher and led many to the Lord. He was twice married, there being thirteen children in the first marriage and two in the second, all of whom survive him. I baptized him, married him and ordained him. The funeral was conducted by W. E. Hardy, G. O. Parker and the writer, with burial in Calvary cemetery.—D. W. Moulder.

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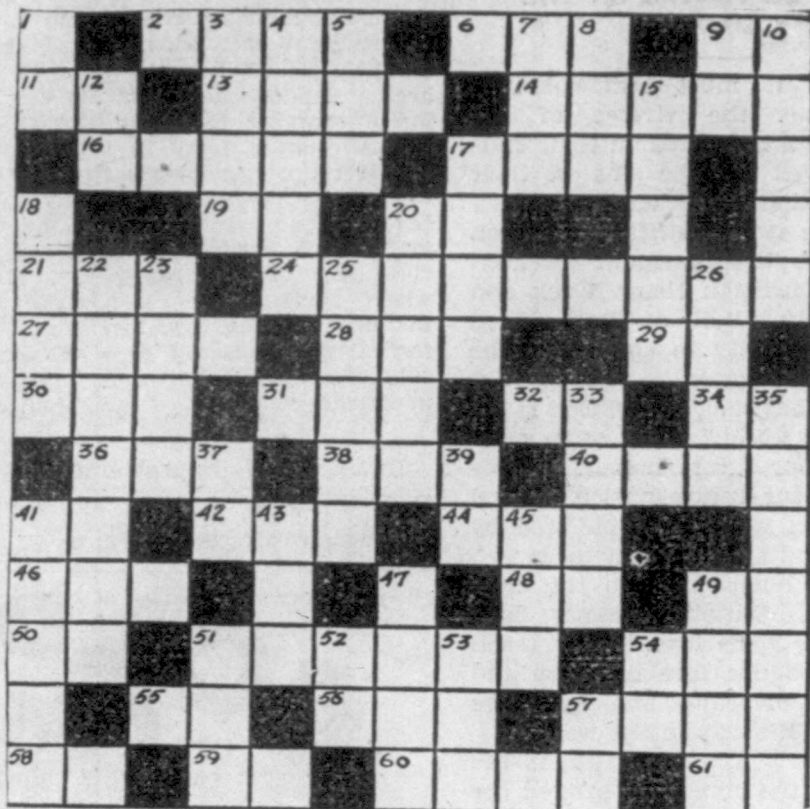
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- Across**
- 2 "... thy soul diligently," Deut. 4:9.
- 6 "teach them diligently unto ... children," Deut. 6:7.
- 9 "kept from my youth ..." Matt. 19:20.
- 11 "... who hath given understanding," Job 38:36.
- 13 "to keep the way of the ... of life," Gen. 3:24.
- 14 Rhythm.
- 16 "lest they depart from thy ..." Deut. 4:9.
- 17 "he that ruleth, ... diligence," Rom. 12:8.
- 19 Compass point.
- 20 Western continent.
- 21 "and knowledge, and in ... diligence," II Cor. 8:7.
- 24 "give ... that thou mayest be delivered," Luke 12:58.
- 27 "and ... well to thy herds," Prov. 27:23.
- 28 Man's nickname.
- 29 Exclamation of inquiry.
- 30 "... I was an hungered, and ye gave," Matt. 25:35.
- 31 "be instant in season, ... of season," II Tim. 4:2.
- 32 "diligent to know the state ... thy flocks," Prov. 27:23.
- 34 "while ... is day," John 9:4.
- 36 Know.
- 38 Soak flax.
- 40 Daughter-in-law of Naomi, Ruth 1:4.
- 41 Chinese measure.
- 42 "Ye ... the light of the world," Matt. 5:14.
- 44 "soul of ... diligent shall be made fat," Prov. 13:4.
- 46 "endureth to the ... shall be saved," Matt. 10:22.
- 48 That is.
- 49 Bushel.
- 50 Accountant general.
- 51 "unto God the Lord belong the ... from death," Ps. 68:20.
- 54 "therefore shall he ... in harvest," Prov. 20:4.
- 55 "a man diligent ... his business," Prov. 22:29.
- Down**
- 56 Measure of length.
- 57 Jacob's first wife, Gen. 29:16.
- 58 "night cometh, when ... man can work," John 9:4.
- 59 "the hand ... the diligent maketh rich," Prov. 10:4.
- 60 "receive the crown of ..." Jas. 1:12.
- 61 Right.
- Our text is 2, 6, 16, 17, 21, 24, 30, 31, 32, 42, 44, 51 59 and 60 combined.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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The superintendent of the Orphanage, together with the other workers and children wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the many friends of the children for the gifts of money and clothing contributed at this Easter season.



Chaplain Glenn M. Harbin, former pastor at Pearson, has completed his training at Harvard and is now attached to the 62nd Medical Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He is their first chaplain. Some of the units at Fort Leonard Wood are still without a chaplain. Writing about his work, Chaplain Harbin says, "Unless we keep them spiritually fit while in the service of our country, we cannot expect them to be spiritually fit to build a better world, without hate and war, when they return to civilian life. Moreover, many of us will not return from battle and if those who are lost now are not won now they will never be saved."

ANTIQUES IN POSSESSION OF FOREST CHURCH
Mrs. Bessie E. Kent

Since the publication in The Baptist Record of a "Brief History of Forest Baptist Church," a number of letters from former residents have been received by the writer. Each expressing interest in the article, some because of having seen their family among the charter members, some because of their love for the old home town and church where they were "reborn," still others for friendship's sake. This interest causes the writer to venture a bit further and relate how Forest church came in possession of a beautiful silver communion service.

Today it is classed as an antique, and it has not been in use for many years because of the fact that the world became "germ conscious."

It must have been not many years after the Civil War (as the church was organized in 1867) that a man, a Yankee, a real Yankee, from Philadelphia, ventured into the deep South in search of health. For some unaccountable reason he landed at Forest, and while here attended the Baptist church; perhaps he was following the footsteps of General Sherman as he had passed through our county site leaving little behind. This man, whose name we do not know, was a Christian and a Baptist. He was hospitably received into the homes and nursed to health. When sufficiently recovered he returned to his home in Pennsylvania. His church must at that time have bought a new communion service, for there came to Forest Baptist Church this five-piece set composed of a pitcher, two gold-lined goblets and two large plates. The pitcher was engraved with these words, "Presented by Tenth Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa." In grateful appreciation this stranger

GERMANY'S ETERNAL PRINCIPLES

"The German race is a race of super-men. The Germans are the chosen people. Beyond us are barbarians." (The German philosopher Fichte.)

"We must leave nothing to the vanquished but their eyes to weep with." (Tannenberg in Gross Deutschland—Leipzig, 1911.)

"Hitler gave to the soul of the German people the possibility to express itself. ..." (Goebbels.)

"The base of my program is blood and fire. ..." "I hate all that is spirit and humanity. ..." (Hitler.)

"Only he who is hard enough, who knows the joy of cruelty, can be historically effective today. ..." (J. Janoff, in "Heroism and World-Fear," 1937.)

—BR—

In May, every Baptist church, S. S., B. T. U., W. M. S., pray for B. M. C. endowment offering in June.

had asked the privilege of sending this from his church to the struggling little church that had shown a spirit of kindness to him when he was sick—and may we say that we think this spirit of welcome pervades today in Forest church. Strangers and visitors are recognized at every service by our beloved pastor, Rev. Barney Walker. We could say scores of things about his good work, but sometimes that becomes dangerous, and he is just where we want him to remain.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.
ATTENDANCE**

	SS	BTU
Fifteenth Avenue Meridian	417	
Bear Creek (Attala)	50	
Kreole	127	36
West Laurel	529	113
Friendship (Lincoln)	70	53
Louisville First	400	78
Bethlehem (Jones)	77	70
Cross Roads (Webster)	93	
Wallerville	68	65
Olive Branch	68	39
Pittsboro	68	50
Enon (Panola)	65	60
West Point First	682	202
Calvary Jackson	1038	234
Griffith Memorial	600	329
Jackson First	1047	
New Albany First	570	161
Ackerman	118	31
A. C. Smith	227	
Batesville	152	45
New Fellowship (Jasper)	59	
Crystal Springs (Copiah)	334	130
Newton	235	
Tillatobia	51	25

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→ GRAY'S OINTMENT



**EARL GEORGE GOES TO
RUSTON, LA.**

Earl George, Mississippi College student and native of Van Winkle near Jackson, has resigned as pastor of Jones Bayou church in Sunflower county to become assistant pastor and educational director of Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, Louisiana. The pastor of this church is C. L. McKay, who recently went there from the pastorate at Flora, Mississippi.

In addition to carrying his college work and the full time pastorate at Jones Bayou, the new educational director has found time to serve one year as mission director of the Ministerial Association of Mississippi College.

**Answers To
Know Your Bible**

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. ("The Lord tempers the wind," etc.): It is not found in the Bible, but is an expression written by Lawrence Sterne in his book, "Sentimental Journey."

2. (Describe house): The structure and flat roof were laid with mud and plaster, which was then laid on boughs, known as rafters. Beds of rushes were laid on the roof in summer for cooler sleeping.

3. (Bible character suicide): His name was Ahithophel, and he committed suicide by hanging.

4. ("The fast was now already past"): The fast referred to seems to be the so-called "fast of expiation," held on the 10th day of the Hebrew month Tishri, which would be today near the end of September. The storm at sea encountered by Paul, and those with him, made it impossible for them to attend "the fast" ... (as it) was now already past."

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Washington (RNS)—The Japanese have interned all Belgian and Dutch missionaries in North China, as well as all missionaries in Shanghai, according to a Vatican radio broadcast beamed to Ireland and monitored by the Federal Communications Commission.

**We Present the Following State Mission
"Testimony!"**

**OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT POST CHAPLAIN
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April 3, 1943.

"Mississippi Baptist Convention Board,
Box 30,
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for the package of tracts and Gospels of John which I received from you today. I know that the men will enjoy reading these good tracts and will like to have a personal copy of the Gospel of John. Good literature can always be used to good advantage here on the Field; and it is hard for us to keep enough to supply the men who ask for religious tracts and New Testaments.

It continues to be a pleasure to work with the men here in Service. They are hungry for spiritual food and attend my Services in large numbers. Many of them are saved in the Services and during the week as they come by my office. Last Sunday I had 112 conversions in my Services. The Lord is greatly blessing the work here, and I give Him all the praise; for without the Lord's help and blessing, my work would not amount to much. I always count it a privilege when I am able to help some young man solve a problem, which to him is so big.

Dr. McCall's tract, "Going to Hell? Who Cares?" is especially good. I have read it and enjoyed it very much, and will especially stress its value to the men.

Thank you again for the good literature you were so kind to send for the men in Service here. God's blessings upon you and your work.

Yours in Service for God and Country,
SOLOMON L. COLE,
Assistant Post Chaplain,
Army U. S."

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE WILL TRAIN NAVAL UNIT.

Mississippi College, a religious institution that through voluntary enlistments has had its enrollment practically wiped out in three wars—the Civil War, the Spanish American War and World War I, is now doing its part in World War II. Following the close of each of these wars, this denominational educational institution has come back stronger than ever before, and this will happen again when the present war is over.

In the meantime, President Nelson is giving the full cooperation of the college in the war effort.

The latest development is a naval unit of about 400 students which will begin training at Mississippi College on or about July 1st.—Clarion-Ledger.

MAN TURNS TO THE WORD OF GOD

A fighting man speaks from the floor of a storm-tossed raft. . . . "Is there a Bible among us?"

On a burning African desert a voice reads quietly . . . and a thousand heads bow reverently.

In the silence of night on a Kansas farm . . . a mother finds solace in its thin, worn pages.

Quietly . . . its words of comfort are spoken in solemn requiem . . . as rough hands grown tender lower a hero's body overside.

In the search for peace through generations . . . man has turned to the Bible. For the things men live by are found in this book that is the Word of God.

In its pages . . . men have found help for their deepest needs. Comfort for their shattered spirits. Light for their darkest hour.

Always, the Bible has inspired the noblest courage and the most sublime actions of man. Heroes have dedicated their lives to its principles. Martyrs have died with its words on their lips.

Now, an anguished world turns to this book that has molded the life of man. For its lessons of mercy, humanity, tolerance, charity. For a restoration of the spirit torn with grief. For a return of the hope and faith grown weak under the whip of despotism.

And here in its pages we seek the flame that lifts men's souls. The courage to face tomorrow. The faith, that in good time . . . the sound of war will end . . . and men shall live again in brotherhood and peace.—By permission of The Saturday Evening Post.

NORTHERN BAPTISTS TO LAUNCH NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOLS

New York—(RNS)—A nation-wide fund-raising campaign on behalf of nearly 150 Northern Baptist schools, colleges, theological seminaries, and student centers will be launched May 1, it was announced here by the Baptist Board of Education.

The campaign, to be known as the New Development Program, while aimed primarily at improving the financial status of Baptist educational institutions, will also endeavor to interest Baptist young people in the denomination's schools and to establish a closer working relationship between the church and its various scholastic enterprises.



O. B. BEVERLY ACCEPTS FLORA PASTORATE

Rev. O. B. Beverly, pastor of the Baptist Church at Paynes, Miss., and churches in Grenada and Tallahatchie counties, has accepted a call extended him by the Flora Baptist Church and will assume his duties on this field April 30th, preaching his first sermon May 2nd.

Rev. Beverly is a native of Wayne county, in which county he received his high school education. Having completed this phase of his school work, he enrolled in Clark Memorial College for two years and from thence he transferred to Mississippi College where he received his A. B. degree. By this time, having surrendered his life to Christ and yielded to the call to the ministry, he decided to further his education by attending the Baptist Bible Institute from which he attained his Th.M. degree.

His record of service in his present field is splendid and his achievement in helping his people build for themselves one of the finest churches in the county is indeed commendable.

His wife, formerly Miss Ruby Jones of Wayne county, and his six-year-old son compose the family. Members of the Flora Baptist Church and the citizens of Flora are looking forward to their arrival with pleasure and will welcome Rev. Beverly and his family into our community.—Flora Outlook.

MRS. SUE R. CAMPBELL PASSES

Mrs. Sue Robinson Campbell, widow of the late J. H. Campbell, died Saturday morning after a short illness. Funeral services were held at Calvary Baptist Church, April 25, with Dr. F. M. Powell, her pastor, in charge.

Pallbearers were Medford Leake, J. M. Thomas, J. C. Moore, J. J. Conway, W. W. Joor, C. P. Mattox. Honorary pallbearers were the deacons of Calvary Baptist Church, J. D. Langston, Clyde Dabbs, G. C. Sturdivan and Dr. R. H. Pegram.

Mrs. Campbell is survived by one daughter, Mrs. R. L. Bouton; four brothers, A. C. Robinson, Winona; A. Robinson, Itta Bena; J. M. Robinson, Louisville, and S. I. Robinson, of Wynne, Arkansas.

Mrs. Campbell lived for a number of years in Meridian, Louisville, New Albany, and in Lakeland, Florida, where Mr. Campbell died. Mrs. Campbell, with her son-in-law and daughter, has lived in in Tupelo since 1940.

Interment was in Magnolia Cemetery, Meridian, Miss.

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Dr. Charles McKay, former pastor at Van Winkle and now pastor of Temple church, Ruston, La., will assist Pastor Robert Crawford in a revival at Van Winkle May 1-9.

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THE OIL WE NEED

The lamps of the virgins at the wedding described by Jesus were good lamps. Each of the foolish virgins, like the wise ones, had a lamp, so the story goes. The difference between the two groups of wedding attendants lay in the possession of oil. The lamps may have been different, but all have illuminating potentialities. Like the virgins at the wedding, every Christian, and especially every Sunday school teacher, today has potentialities for great service. They are lamps of learning before the world. Without the oil of the Spirit of God, however, they shed not the light of God, they illumine not the path of righteousness.

The challenge to every Christian worker is to gain the oil of spiritual power that gives light, assurance and inspiration.

For the lamp of INTELLIGENCE the Christian must have the oil of INFORMATION of the Bible.

For the lamp of PERSONALITY the Christian must have the oil of PERSONAL WORK.

For the lamp of METHOD the Christian must have the oil of MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

For the lamp of WIT and HUMOR the Christian must have the oil of WISDOM OF GOD.

For the lamp of CLEVERNESS OF TECHNIQUE the Christian must have the CHARACTER OF CHRIST. For the lamp of VERSATILITY OF IDEAS the Christian must have the VISION OF CHRISTIAN IDEALISM.

For the lamp of SPECIALIZATION the Christian must have the SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE.

Let every Christian fill his or her lamp with these oils of Christian purpose through study and preparation for higher service in the Master's name.—Adapted from The Evangel.—Church Chimes.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

Called and Accepted

Fred DeLaShaw, Chaplain, U. S. Army.
C. C. Dilworth, Webb City, Mo.
Roy Dittmar, Calvary, Shawnee, Okla.
F. M. Dowell, Jr., Madison, Tenn.
C. F. Duesner, Monette, Mo.
Ezra Duncan, First, Brighton, Colo.
C. A. Erdman, Moline, Okla.
C. O. Estes, First, Eagle Lake, Texas.
W. A. Evans, First, Okemak, Okla.
H. M. Fields, Tioga, Okla.
A. B. Fleming, Hardesty and Camb-
rick, Okla.

Cecil G. Goff, Dumas, Texas.
B. J. W. Graham, Palmetto, Ga.
F. H. Green, Pitkin, La.
A. Hagler, First, Ashley, Ill.
Albert S. Hale, First, Jefferson City, Tenn.

O. O. Haley, Franklin, La.
Earl Harding, Lee's Summit, Mo.
J. Lester Harnish, Euclid, Brooklyn, N. Y.

W. W. Hendricks, Depew, Okla.
J. H. Heisner, Saligman, Mo.
J. G. Holder, Greenfield, Okla.
Eugene Howard, Williamston, S. C.
F. E. Howard, Stanford, Ky.
W. Douglas Hudgins, First, Houston, Texas.

Resigned

L. A. Veach, Verden, Okla.
C. E. Vermillion, Calvary, Spartan-
burg, S. C.

W. E. Walker, North Friendship, Greenville Association, S. C.

R. W. Wallis, S. Fort Worth, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Thomas E. West, First, Williamsburg, Ky.

W. A. Wiggins, Talladega, Ala.
J. G. Wilson, Lebanon and First Creek, S. C.

C. S. Wilson, First, Nashville, Tenn.
M. E. Williamson, First, Eunice, La.
G. Horace Wood, Benneth Square, Pa.

Died

C. H. German, Ft. Deposit, Ala.
J. O. Johnston, Union, Grove, Ala.
H. Q. Kendall, Phoenix, Ariz.
W. D. Manion, St. Louis, Mo.
John A. Reagan, Shirley, Tenn.
William R. White, Albany, Ga.
Luther Whitfield, Edmond, Okla.
D. W. Willett, Ervin, Tenn.

PASTOR ASKS HELP

Seventy years of prayer on the part of a faithful Christian woman were rewarded by the recent organization of a Baptist church at Napoleonville, La. Mrs. Lelia Monnot, a native Virginian, became the wife of a soldier during the Civil War. At the close of the war she moved to Napoleonville where she continued to reside for almost three quarters of a century. Due to the fact that there was no Baptist church there, she reared her children as Catholics. However, her constant prayer throughout life was that some day there would be a Baptist church organized. She did not live to see the realization of her hopes, but only three months after her death, the First Baptist Church of Napoleonville was brought into existence.

The pastors of the church have been Baptist Bible Institute students. For over two years services were held in the Masonic Temple. Three months ago the foundation was laid for a church building. The lot was purchased by the Louisiana W. M. U. The building is nearing completion and a dedication service will be held soon.

Calls, financial and material, are being met by faithful church members and interested friends. At present there is a special need for pews, a good second-hand piano, and church furniture. If some reader of The Baptist Record knows of such church furniture that may be obtained, please contact the pastor, Ralph West, 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, La.